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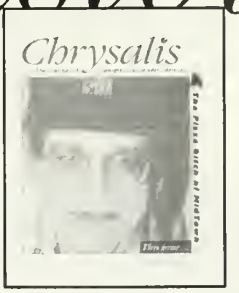

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To monitor legislation that affects the TG community;
To provide legal back-up and/or referrals for victims of discrimination;
To provide outreach and referrals for individuals and organizations within the TG community.

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Dear Gianna:

GIANNA E. ISRAEL

Gender Identity Developmental Repressive Abuse: When TG Children Are Repressed

Dear Gianna:

I was severely whipped for cross-dressing, when my father caught me at the age of 10. I stopped for years. But recently the urge has come back stronger than ever. However, every time I do I feel guilty. Now I am seeing a therapist and considering sex reassignment surgery. Could all this have been caused by my father punishing my crossdressing as a child?

Alfonso P.

Dear Alfonso:

One specific type of childhood abuse that commonly affects TG persons is what I call Gender Identity Developmental Repressive Abuse (GIDRA). This is any abuse or action which forces a child to repress healthy questions about gender identity, discourages crossgender play-acting, and punishes TG behavior or crossgender identification.

Unlike other types of childhood abuse, GIDRA is carried out in a deliberate attempt to force a child to give up all TG behavior and feeling and to conform mentally and emotionally only to narrow, stereotypical, socially-desirable roles and reactions. Like other forms of abuse, the effects of GIDRA are insidious and devastating. GIDRA has detrimental effects on not only gender identity development but also on the acquisition of critical social and communication skills, and other vital coping mechanisms.

Sometimes GIDRA takes the form of physical punishment, as with the letter writer above. Other times it might be a single, forceful parent-to-child talking to that results in shaming a child so thoroughly they suppress the desire for years, or simply engage in it clandestinely with a sense of shame and guilt. Or the GIDRA might consist of a continuing barrage of disparaging comments every time a child does anything perceivable as crossgender behavior.

> "Gender Identity Developmental Repressive Abuse is any action which forces children to repress healthy questions about gender identity, discourages them from crossgender play-acting, or from self-identifying as TG."

However, no matter what form childhood GIDRA takes in a TG person's life, there are always consequences. In most circumstances children develop a variety of negative coping mechanisms to deal with abusive situations. These include denial, insecurity, addictions, unhealthy relationships, poor life choices and constant search for attention. Regrettably, these coping mechanisms do not equip an individual well for life as an adult, for successfully integrating one's TG issues into one's life, or for achieving a successful transition for TS men and women. In my experience, the above negative coping mechanisms, which characterize many TG adults, often have roots in childhood gender abuse.

In an informal assessment of 72 TG-identified clients who had lived at least part-time for two years or longer as a member of the opposite sex, 16 had experienced repetitive verbal as well as physical abuse for expressing TG tendencies during childhood. Forty-one had gone underground, when their expressions of interest in crossdressing, or actual crossdressing, met with parental disapproval. These TG women and men had simply taken great care never to discuss crossdressing or let themselves be caught crossdressing again

Though it isn't often realized, the quality of a TG person's social and communication skills directly affects their chances at successfully interacting with others, whether they pass physically or not. This brings us to the question of whether issues surrounding abuse should be resolved before or after transition. The answer depends primarily on the quality of an individual's social and communication skills.

As an example of the effects of GIDRA on coping mechanisms, one TG client, "Alice," had been continually punished by an abusive father for "spending too much time preening in front of a mirror like a faggot does." Even though Alice was an attractive woman who has lived the role for over seven years, every time she looked in the mirror, such was the force of her father's demeaning comments on her childhood self that Alice honestly believed that other people saw her as ugly and repulsive. This perception colored how she felt in public, her relationships at work, even her love life. It persisted until Alice confronted the issue in therapy, expressing and releasing her anger. Like Alice, other TG men and women who experience GIDRA also find themselves dealing with low self-esteem and compromised social and communication skills until the issue of abuse is resolved.

However, the picture for those who suffered childhood GIDRA is far from bleak. While assessing clients and reviewing documentation I have heard incredible accounts of TG men and women, like Alice, who were subjected to the most severe forms GIDRA abuse imaginable and survived to move on as adults and estab-

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It's Time For Yor Medicine:

A New Venture, A New Focus

Sheila Kirk, MD

Some time in the past, I published a pamphlet telling of ways to find a physician. In that work I listed ways of finding a medical doctor who would be empathetic and willing to undertake treatment appropriate for the transgendered person. It has taken me a little time to realize that empathy and acceptance on the part of a professional goes only so far. Along with the desire to help and to serve our people, the doctors need to read and to educate themselves. They need to discuss with other physicians who offer good care and management in order to be kept up to date.

Most physicians, I find, are not willing to do this. Most while giving a form of tacit support will not prepare themselves as they should. That troubles me greatly. The numbers of physicians knowledgeable and experienced in TG medicine are very few in comparison with qualified practitioners in other forms of medical care. They are not found in all cities, not even all states. In my view a physician not knowing or understanding of the precepts and principles of TG medical care in general, not just hormonal therapy, even though empathetic, is just as unacceptable as doctors who refuse to accept TG individuals at all. Physicians who do accept TG patients, but don't move to educate themselves are to be avoided. The physician who will be open and interested, and who will take steps to read and learn if not already educated is the ideal. They are as hard to find as are those who already have knowledge and experience.

So, what to do about it. You who want to go to that physician who is accepting of you need to be a part of the process. You have to make it known to that, doctor man or woman, that medical literature is available and give that person the correct access to it through the resources that are available. If you don't know what those resources are, you should make an attempt to find them and give them to that physician.

One of those resources is this writer. For years now, I have given you information that deals with theory and practice in the area of TG medicine. I've given you insight not just in hormone therapy, but in many aspects of medical care for both genetic males and females no matter where they are in the TG continuum. *Transgender Tapestry* and IFGE's publications catalogue lists publications and advertisements telling of the availability of information to you and to your physician. You can take advantage of that with only the cost of a stamp or a phone call. It has been surprising to me how many want to find a physician that will prescribe hormones, but interest in being sure that their care is complete or that their doctor is given access to information for better care is lacking.

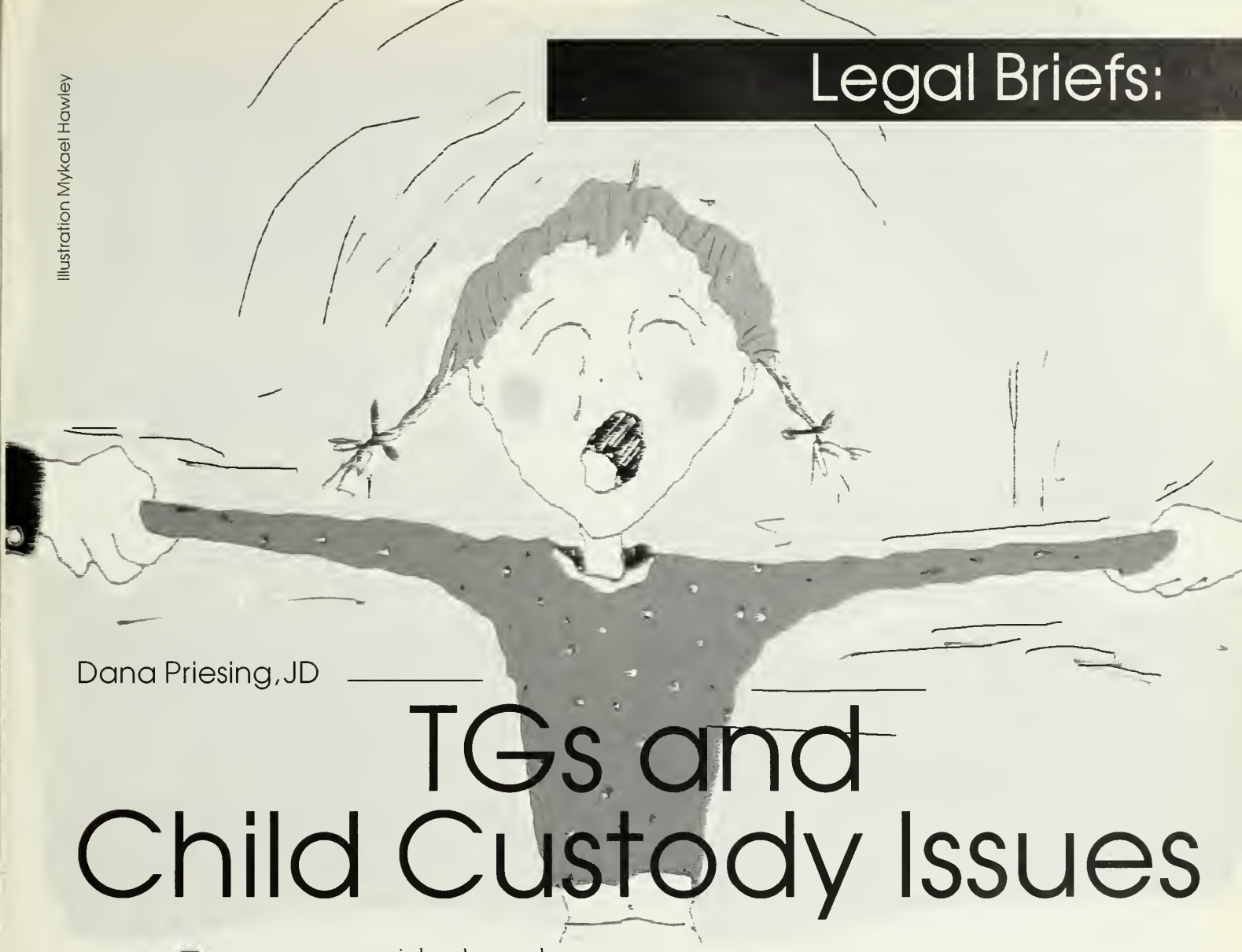
Most of you know that for the past four years I have worked hard in finding compassionate and knowledgeable health care professionals that will provide you with the best possible care. In addition, I have served as a liaison with these professionals on your behalf when I'm permitted to inform them of the latest research, guidelines and treatment that would enable them to best care for you. Although my work with IFGE as their Director of Medical Research and Liaison, was and will remain rewarding to me personally, and most importantly remains a vital service for our community and one to which I am deeply committed, I am increasingly aware of the real and crucial need for experienced and dedicated physicians, like myself, to provide the highest standards of care and concern for all transgender community members in all stages of their medical needs. Inroads have been made during these past four years, it is true, but they remain limited and few medical physicians have the knowledge and more tragically the interest in educating themselves in the unique medical circumstances that occur with members of the T community.

Because of that very real community need, I have chosen to shift my focus and return to medical practice. As a transgendered physician with many years of experience in endocrinology, gynecology, related surgeries and clinical management as well as a decade as a transgender medicine specialist, it seemed illogical to me not to offer my extensive clinical experience to you.

Although the majority of my practice will be devoted to the M2F and F2M person who is intending to or currently involved in contragender living, seeking SRS surgery and aftercare, my practice will not be limited to those individuals. Too many in the TG community avoid routine medical care because they fear they will be ostracized if even their subtle feminizing or masculinizing is discovered and hence they seriously jeopardize their health and longevity. All individuals in the transgendered spectrum deserve and need to receive the best possible medical care from an experienced physician specializing in transgender medicine. In addition, concerned consultation with other health care professionals is a vital component of complete wellness and factors greatly in your overall well being.

For those not able to come to my office location, I am still very available to you for advice and information, and I will continue to write and give conferences as I have in the past. For those who have physicians who need to know more to help you in the maintenance of good health or the pursuit of a contragender role, please provide them the access to that knowledge. Give to them the way to be better providers of your care. Give them the ways to contact me for information and research.

(Sheila Kirk, MD is a transgender medicine specialist, board-certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology. As IFGE's Director of Medical Liaison and Research, she provides international and national consultations and referrals to the TG community and health care professionals who assist in their care. Dr. Kirk can be reached at (412) 781-1092, by writing P.O. Box 38114, Blawnox PA 15238-8114 or by e-mail at SheilaKirk@aol.com.)



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TGs and Child Custody Issues

Assume you are married, and you and your spouse have one child. You come out of the closet about being transgendered, or you are somehow "outed." Your spouse decides to divorce you, and either seeks court adjudication of child custody rights, or the court is required to approve the custody agreement you and your spouse amicably negotiate. The fact that you are transgendered comes before the court, either through your spouse's arguments, or otherwise. The fertilizer hits the ventilator.

Ignorance and stereotypes about transgendered people can affect custody proceedings. They may be expressed by your spouse, the judge, the state's advocate, or the child's advocate if one is involved in the proceeding. For example, if you are a cross-dresser, it may be assumed without discussion that you must be gay. Morever, the notion is widespread that being transgendered is immoral or deviant, and if that notion is present and remains uncontested, a consensus quickly can develop among participants in the proceeding that you do not "deserve" custody because you are morally bankrupt. As explained below, such beliefs may be justified by reference to judicial precedents that have visited such opprobrium on our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters.

You Have the Right to Participate in Raising Your Children

Bear in mind that you have a right to participate in your child's life. There is well-established that the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees that "[n]o State shall . . . deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." It denotes, among other things, the right to marry, establish a home and bring up children. See, e.g., Meyer v. State of Nebraska, 262 U.S. 390 (1923). Accordingly, the state must have a compelling interest to limit or prohibit your custodial or visitation rights. Your spouse bears a heavy burden to demonstrate that such state action is required. You should not concede that this burden is satisfied merely because you are transgendered, and you should not let stand unrebutted any presumption or inference to that effect.

The Best Interest of the Child

When assessing child custody issues, courts often apply some variation of the "best interest of the child" standard. Ordinarily, it is not in the best interest of the child to deprive him or her of access to one of his or her parents by

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F2M Column

"Andy"

Transgender Tapestry's editress tells me that IFGE is getting more phone inquiries from and about F2Ms every day, and asked me if I might want to answer some of the more frequently asked questions in my column. So without further ado:

What does the term female-to-male (a.k.a. FTM and/or F2M) mean?

Female-to-male simply refers to the direction that a transgendered person is going in. Whether they are changing their sex or simply cross-dressing, all female-to-males were either born in female bodies or were born intersexed and raised female. Until relatively recently (partly due to the fact that F2M crossdressers could pass unnoticed by society and that sex reassignment surgery for F2M was less successful), almost all gender community and media attention was focused on male-to-female transsexuals and crossdressers, to the extent that many people did not even know that female-to-males existed.

Why do some people born female identify as F2M?

That's a big question with as many answers as there are individual F2Ms. But, generally speaking, a person born female identifies as F2M because throughout all or part of their lives they have experienced what is known as gender dysphoria (the feeling that the sex which they were assigned at birth does not match the gender that they feel they are internally). Some F2Ms are conscious that they are really boys/men inside throughout their lives and transition to male as soon as they are able to do so. Others feel male inside from an early age but then spend part of their lives in denial before finally coming to terms with their feelings and transitioning to become their true selves.

As to why F2Ms experience gender dysphoria in the first place, no one knows for sure, but modern studies lean strongly towards the theory that something happens in the womb which causes us to be born with male gender identities. Regardless of where gender dysphoria comes from, one thing is for sure: it is a lifelong condition and the only way to "cure" it is to change one's body to match how one feels inside.

Are all F2Ms transsexual?

No. There are F2M crossdressers and transgenderists, both lesbian and straight-identified, although little is known about them and their numbers appear far fewer than those of M2Fs, CDs, and transgenderists.

How many F2Ms are there?

If we accept the common estimation that 1 in 50,000 [more modern estimates place this figure significantly higher at 1 in 10,000 and even 1 in 1000. - ed.] people are transsexual and that nearly half of all transsexuals are F2Ms, my best guess would be that out of 300 million Americans around 3500 would be F2Ms. This is only a very rough estimate however, and new F2Ms seem to be turning up every day.

Is it really possible for an F2M transsexual to transition to successfully living and passing as a man?

Yes! There are many happy, well-adjusted F2Ms out there with jobs, lovers, and families. In fact, it is very likely that you have met an F2M at some point in your life and not even realized it. Thanks to the magic of the masculinizing hormone therapy they receive, transitioned F2Ms pass so well no one can tell that they were not born male.

What are the physical effects of taking male hormones?

When a genetic female takes testosterone, for the first couple of years the experience is very much like going through male puberty: your voice cracks and drops significantly, your facial features coarsen and masculinize, your skin gets rougher, facial and body hair sprouts, your sex drive increases, and you will often break out in teenage acne on your face, chest, and back (this goes away after a while, though). Other effects more specific to the genetic female include the menstrual cycle stopping after a few months and the clitoris growing large enough to resemble an extremely small penis.

How do hormones affect emotions and personality?

During your first year on hormones you will probably experience some "teenage" mood swings, but your moods will level out as your body adjusts to its new hormonal environment. Mood swings aside, most of us usually feel much happier upon starting hormones, and, contrary to the stereotype that testosterone causes aggression, many guys report feeling a greater

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Letters And Comments From Our Readers

TRANSCRIPTIONS

WHO COINED "TRANSSEXUAL"

Dear *Transgender*:

Thank your for the article "Extraordinary Lives" by R. Scott Gerdes (#77). For an M2F person like me it was an interesting insight into my F2M brothers. However, I'd like to make one small correction: The author wrote that the term "transsexualism" was coined in the early 1950's by Dr. D. 0. Cauldwell. This is only part of the story. The term "psychological transsexualism" (in German "seelischer transsexualismus") was actually coined in the early 1920's by the German sexologist Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld. He used this term when he found that his former term "transvestite" from 1910 was not enough to describe the strong desires of some TG individuals to belong physically to the opposite sex.

Eva Kroecher

CLOSETED CD COMING OUT!

Dear Editress:

Your publication is and will continue to be a great source of information & comfort to those of us girls that are somewhat closeted. Slowly I am gaining that courage and I plan to attend my first club meeting later this month. My goal within the next year is to make one of the larger events.

Now for some comments: the printing quality of the Fall issue (#77) is wonderful, very crisp and clear photos in both the main sections and the contact insert. The content of the articles, also very good, though I always wish there was more more more!! "Transcriptions," your letter section, is great. The articles are very well written. "Dear Gianna" I like, but it needs more questions answered. Overall, I give you high marks!

Julie
Buffalo, NY

CHANGES GENDER, THEN MIND

Hello:

My name is Alan and I am 29 years old. When I was young (21) I had M2F surgery and regretted it ever since. I want to be a guy again and am having regular counseling sessions with the gender clinic here in Melbourne. I am planning to have a phalloplasty done in a year or so by a plastic surgeon who is also here in Melbourne. Apparently there is a new "Rolls Royce" technique, as he puts it, to give a penis which you can pee through and have intercourse with and it is supposed to look quite real.

I get very depressed at times, and often feel very desperate and alone, and am very fearful of the future. I am so scared that the whole thing is going to blow up in my face and I'll make things even worse.

I am wondering if you know of anyone who has been in a similar situation to myself who I could maybe talk to and get some support from, someone who has actually been through this. I am very genuine and sincere. I am a beautiful boy in the heart, I think, which was part of the problem to begin with. I was so kind and gentle that I thought I could never live up to being a man. It is now that I realize that all those aspects of my personality which I thought were negative for a male are seen as qualities in this age. It is such as tragedy that someone has been wrongly put through this.

A. M. F.
via e-mail

LESBIAN M2F WANTS SUPPORT

Dear *Transgender*:

I am a deeply closeted M2F, living in hard core conservative suburbia deep in the heart of Illinois. I have lived with my lover, a genetic girl, for two years now and I have a few questions that only the inimitable *Transgender Tapestry* and its readers could answer. And get this, we live as lesbians and most people that know us don't really seem to care. But sometimes my lover gets caught up in her confusion about being a lesbian and with me.

1. Is there a group that specifically deals with "Lesbian" M2Fs? Because I really feel like my partner could use someone to talk to or even correspond with once in a while. *(There is a lesbian M2F support group listed in our Directory of Organizations. Most TS and CD support groups also have an adjunct for SOs.)*

2. Are there any books pertaining to this lifestyle? *(Nary a one.)*

3. Are there any groups/studies/information for TGs of Generation X? *(Nope. But it's a good idea.)*

Crystal S.

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' CORRECTION

I enjoyed the article (*#77*) titled "A Glittering Season of TG Events" very much. However, I wish to point out an oversimplification concerning the California Dreamin' annual event. Even though the event is presented at various locations in California, it *is not* sponsored or presented by a consortium of regional clubs. California Dreamin' is the sole property of the Powder Puffs of Orange County (PPOC) and the club is the sponsor of the event and has total responsibility for it. Several years ago the PPOC board decided to make the event an outreach tool by involving other California clubs and organizations in the program planning and hosting of various meals. The use of this tool has been an enormous success and has led to lasting friendships within our state community, not to mention opening up great communications channels.

Keep up the great work at *Transgender Tapestry*.

Joan Goodnight
California Dreamin'

Letters And Comments From Our Readers

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CAR AND DRIVER

Dear *Transgender*:

I thought *Transgender Tapestry* readers might he interested in seeing how those on Ohio's roads and highways will see me.

Happy transgendered motoring!
Jessica Simmons
Bowling Green, OH

BAD ADVICE?

Dear *Transgender*:

Good grief, what the hell is going on here. I received my copy of the new issue (#77) and cringed as I read the "Man in the Red Velvet Dress." Negatives and more negatives. Someone who is struggling with their identity would head for the oven and the gas pipe after reading that. Yes, Virginia, there are others who decided rather than hide in the closet we could sit down with our mates and discover they do accept us.

You are not going to be able to run down the streets wearing a miniskirt, saying, "I am me!" But people might be more loving and supportive than you think.

Then I read the Gianna Israel, the article about how the medical community has these wonderful pills that will solve all the CD, TG and TS feelings you are depressed over. Then afterwards you are hooked on all those pills, and you have another problem. Now you are a prescription drug addict and nothing has changed. You are still stuck with your fits of depression. Just like an alcoholic who thinks relief is in a bottle, those pills are not going to cure you either. I was one of those pill heads, so I know what I am talking about.

The uninvited dilemma will never go away. Dracula bit you on the neck.

So let me offer Dianne's wonderful advice. You can remain in the closet or say I want no part of this any longer. You have to use common sense and realize that the world is not ready to always except us, but you need not carry the monkey of being ashamed of your feelings around on your back either. If you are depressed, you do not need to take pills to ease you through this transition. You might discover people give you credit for having the courage to state what you are.

People will challenge our sexuality. So? Your preference in partners is just as private as you being yourself. Truly loving mates could care less.

What is never mentioned is that it does, indeed, take big balls to declare who we are. I have found many more than you realize will admire your for having the guts to stand up for yourself. Just do so with complete sincerity. After awhile, a certain pride steps in to replace all the fears we once had.

Yes we are unique in our feelings. We have experienced all those 'male' feelings, from playing contact sports, to having our buns shot full of holes in the service, to being both a loving father and husband. We also cry over a tearful movie and feel a womanly grace in both actions and words. And this is not something we should be ashamed of.

And then we come to that little problem of "How will my mate handle all of this?" Yes, that is a biggie. No one has a ready-made answer to the question of, "Do I dare take the risk?" I took a risk that each time I jumped out of an airplane the chute might fail to open. When one turns on the key to the car, they take a risk someone will hit them. Pretty drastic consequences when you think about them. This is but another risk we are faced with. Anyone will tell you, "Yes, there is a chance your relationship will blow up." There is also a fifty percent chance it won't. I would say in the game of life those are pretty good odds.

"But I might lose my house and all I have worked for." Yes, you might. "All my friends and relatives will hate me." Yes, that could happen too. Then again, it might not. "If she would only let me dress up just a little bit." There is no way you are ever going to be completely happy till you can dress up a little more than just a little bit. There is not one of us girls who got out of the closet who can't back that statement up. Sure, they may have faced major set backs. But in the end, it was worth taking that risk. In time my friends came around. Those relatives that never could stand me even when I was straight still don't. So who cares?

In life we are all faced with making friends and finding acceptance. I had a shrink offer me the most wonderful advice. "Make friends with that other self in your life. She is the other side of you, and she is always going to be, not your tormentor, but the best friend you will ever meet. Once you do that you are over the hump and ready to move on in life, free of all that guilt."

Rid yourself of "I should hate myself" and "I am not normal" and the rest will come around, though not always in ways we can foresee. If anyone dares tell you that you are selfish and you should have kept this to yourself, they have the bigger problem of not being compassionate and understanding, and not remembering that "HE" also created me. No one ever won anything in this world by being negative. But those who accept themselves and take some risks and slay those dragons of guilt do come out winners in the end.

Dianne

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Nancy R. Nangeroni

UK TG ORG WINS GRANT

The Gender Trust, a British charitable organization for transsexuals, has just won a lottery grant. Proceeds will be used to help with the cost of establishing a small office and employing a part-time worker. London Bureaucrat Virginia Bottomley, the national Heritage Secretary, was upset that the grant going to the Gender Trust. Bottomley called on the National Lotteries Charities Board to justify its decision. But Bottomley was accused of "transparent hypocrisy" after a year-old letter was uncovered revealing she had previously supported sex reassignment surgery, which she had written could reduce the chances of suicide. It is estimated that there are more than 7,000 SRS patients in Britain and that the NHS pays for between 60 and 70 operations a year.

CAMBRIDGE RIGHTS ORDINANCE INCLUDES TGS

The city of Cambridge has become the first jurisdiction anywhere to legally define sex as based on something other than anatomy. The City Council unanimously amended the city's Human Rights Ordinance (HRO), granting broad gender freedoms to all citizens, including transsexuals and transvestites. The amendment adds "gender" expression to the list of those protected from discrimination. Previously, the city had passed amendments protecting sexual-orientation and marital status. The HRO amendment defines gender as "the actual or perceived appearance, expression, or identity of a person with respect to masculinity and femininity." It also addresses the issue of same sex housing, by defining "same sex" as "occupying the same social and identity roles as another with respect to being male or female." This will simplify matters for F2M and M2F individuals seeking housing in same sex situations, such as the YWCA and YMCA. According to a local transactivist, "This amendment isn't about protecting some special interest group. This is about expanding the scope of everyone's personal freedom. It's no infringement on anyone else if I'm more masculine or more feminine. So there's no reason why I shouldn't have that freedom."

TS DIES AFTER POLICE BEATING

A trip to the grocery store ended tragically for TS Logan Smith. The young black TS was stopped outside his home by a Hoffman Estates, Illinois, police officer in January 1996. Reasons for the action, according to the officer, were "failure to signal a right turn" and "failure to display a license plate." However, it was later revealed that the temporary license plate was clearly displayed at the time. The officer maced Logan's brother who was removing groceries from their car. Then the officer called in reinforcements who kicked Logan (he is reported to have offered no physical resistance) in the abdomen and sprayed him with pepper gas. Logan complained immediately about severe pain in his abdomen, repeatedly requesting medical assistance. Unfortunately, at the Hoffman Estates Medical Center Emergency Room, Logan's condition was diagnosed as a urinary tract infection. Based on this diagnosis, Logan was returned to police custody, where his condition rapidly deteriorated. Logan's mother finally secured medical care for him, but it was too late. Logan died that evening from septic shock due to a punctured bladder. His mother is now suing the Hoffman Estates police department and the hospital.

GENDERPAC & HRC LOBBY TOGETHER ON THE HILL

For the first time, the gay and lesbian political lobbying group, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), and the TG community's lobbying arm, GenderPAC, have lobbied together on Capitol Hill. The twain visited congress to discuss prospects for TG inclusion in the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act which already extends protections to gays, lesbians and bisexuals. The two organizations also provided Congressmembers with some education around bi/herm/trans issues. Unfortunately, the advice of most legislative assistants, including ENDA sponsors, was that TG inclusion is not viable. Congressional experts felt that adding TGs to the list of those protected from employment discrimination might delay the bill's passage by 5-10 years. Said GenderPAC executive director, Riki Anne Wilchins, "This may signal time to re-evaluate our emphasis and consider shifting some of GenderPAC's resources to other areas like Hate Crimes, Psychiatric Abuse of Gender-variant Children, and Intersexed Genital Mutilation."

CHICAGO POLICE, PARAMEDICS IGNORE WOUNDED TG

A young TS woman, shot twice in the back after being assaulted by two young men, crawled to the house of a friend, who called paramedics and police. Both police and paramedics refused to assist her, justifying their inaction by stating, "That's not a woman, that's a man." They refused to help her into the stretcher 40 feet away, declaring, "If you can run here, you can get up in the chair." The TS had to be carried by friends to the stretcher. She was then taken to Edgewater Hospital, where surgeons operated for five

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hours to repair the internal damage. The woman's case was reported by the police as "aggravated assault" and is being investigated on that basis. The perpetrators have not been apprehended. After a call from It's Time Illinois reporting this as a hate crime, an investigator from the Civil Rights Division of the Chicago Police Department was assigned to the case. Complaints to the Chicago Commission on Human Relations and the Office of Professional Standards about mistreatment by the Police and the Paramedics have resulted in no action thus far.

TRANS-INMATE LOSES PRISON RAPE SUIT

In Madison, Wisconsin, trans-inmate Dee Farmer, who fought to sue the federal prison where she was raped, has lost her suit. After Farmer had been raped in prison, she charged that prison authorities, who knew of her transgender status, had failed to take proper steps to protect her from a sexual assault which was virtually inevitable. A Wisconsin Federal Court Judge threw out Farmer's case on the grounds that the prison had not been properly notified of the special risks she faced. Ms. Farmer, with little money and few resources, refused to back down, appealing her case all the way to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court heard the case last year, ruling in Ms. Farmer's favor that prison officials could not require notification if the risk at hand was obvious. The case was sent back to Wisconsin court for a trial attended by members of the local gender community. One observer remarked that the case "was basically a circumstantial one that she was being placed in a penitentiary setting with a much higher rate of violence."

AUSSIE STATE TO HOUSE TG INMATES BY GENDER

In response to prison assaults against TG inmates, The Corrective Services arm of the Australian state of New South Wales has announced plans to move M2F TS inmates to women's prisons. The plan will allow M2Fs currently in male prisons to serve their sentence as their elected gender. F2M prisoners can also request transfers to male prisons.

RALEIGH MAYOR SKIRTS DQ ISSUE

There's a huge difference between guys in dresses and female impersonators, according to Tom Fetzer, the mayor of Raleigh, North Carolina. As mayor, Fetzer has been trying to shut down a drag show at a local nightclub. But, the mayor saw no conflict in attending a theatrical production of *Cinderella* in which two men donned drag to portray the evil stepsisters. After the performance, the Mayor hailed the play as a "good production." Asked why he opposed drag in a local nightclub and praised it in a kid's play, Fetzer told reporters there was no comparison. The play doesn't generate "criminal activity or solicitation for sex acts against nature," he said.

GERMANY AFFIRMS PROPER PRONOUN USAGE

The German Federal Constitutional Court has ruled that Article 1 (human dignity) and Article 2 (free expression of personality) of the German Constitution entitle TGs to be addressing by the pronouns "Herr" (if they are F2M) or "Frau" (if M2F). According to the ruling, this is especially if this person has legally changed their given name. The court declared an individual's expressed gender role is the key factor in determining the correct form of address, regardless of the civil or genital status of that person. The case was filed by a non-op M2F TS who serves a life sentence in a men's prison. She changed her name officially, but the prison administration and the local Minister of Justice refused her wish to be addressed as "Frau N.N." and continued to refer to her as "Herr." A Superior Court and later a Court of Appeal ruled that she did not merit addressed as her true gender, but the Federal Court declared null and void both verdicts. (Courtesy Eva Kroecher)

TRANSEX INCLUSION HAMPERS OREGON ENDA PASSAGE

The Portland, Washington, Metropolitan Human Rights Commission (MHRC) has refused to pass a motion supporting Oregon's Employment Non-Discrimination Act because it did not include protection for TG people. Earlier, MHRC had voted unanimously to recommend the inclusion of "transsexuals and other sexual minorities" in Portland's human rights ordinance, following a meeting with transgender activists. When this language was not added to the bill, MHRC members voted against it. However, local TG activists stated they had not meant to prevent recommendation of the bill. According to activist Margaret O'Hartigan, TGs had not intended their concerns to delay passage of the bill or to delay gays, lesbians and bis from obtaining civil rights protection.

F2M SUED IN VIRGINIA

A Virginia wife filed a $575,000 fraud lawsuit against her spouse after she discovered that her husband had been born "a

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woman." According to the wife, the couple met over the internet, but throughout their courtship and marriage, the groom pretended to be a man dying of AIDS to avoid sex. Her husband's breasts were concealed with heavy bandages, which he said were due to injuries sustained in a car wreck. The wife is suing for reimbursement of money she spent on food, transportation and telephone calls during the relationship. She also seeks annulment of the marriage.

AUSSIE TS WIN RIGHTS

The parliament of the Australian state of New South Wales passed legislation June 5 banning discrimination against TGs. The legislation also grants TS the right to have their birth certificates brought in to conformity with their identified gender. "The days of institutionalized bigotry and punishing those who do not adhere to so-called gender norms are over," said Nadine Stransen, co-convener of the Transgender Lobby Coalition. "This has taken five hard years of lobbying, so we are feeling ebullient."

TG HARASSMENT GROWS IN TURKEY

For the last 12 months harassment and pressure against the TS and TV community in Turkey has been increasing. The actions are apparently provoked by a 65-year-old woman with support from the police and extremist group members and organizations. The woman is landlady to a number of girls, and recently demanded rent increases of 500%. When the girls refused to pay the illegal increases, the harassment started. She obtained support from extremist organizations which assert that the girls "don't belong to the Turkish race since they represent a lower form of human beings." Four homes of TS folk have been set on fire, and others have had windows smashed, doors broken down, and telephone wires cut. Police conduct frequent raids on TS and homosexual homes and clubs, inflicting maximum physical damage and arresting anybody present. Area businesses have been closed down on trumped-up charges, and the local TG community has been reduced to a handful of survivors.

BUENOS AIRES TGS PROTEST AS POLICE DEFY LAW

In 1966, Buenos Aires, Argentina banned discrimination based on sexual orientation. The city also repealed so-called "police edicts" that allowed the authorities to detain citizens temporarily without giving a reason. But the now-illegal edicts are still being used as an excuse to persecute TGs, gays, lesbians, and sex workers. Says correspondent Alejandra Sarda, "Unfortunately, the legal mechanisms that will replace them [the edicts] have not been implemented yet and the police are acting as if nothing ever happened." On one recent Saturday night, 72 people were detained under the ex-edicts — "average for a Saturday night." One TG, Nadia, describes her mistreatment in January this way, "Four of them came and took me to the patio. Another one came and grabbed me by the hair and neck, while the rest took both my legs, opened them strongly and pushed my tights against the floor with their knees. Meanwhile, one of them was twisting my right hands' fingers and another my arm. I shouted desperately. They made me lie against the floor, hands to the back, put a straight jacket on me, beat me on the stomach, and I do not know what else happened." As a result, TG, lesbian, gay and bisexual activists and their supporters gathered on February 11 outside the Buenos Aires Palace of Justice to denounce the government's systematic violation of their human rights. The Palace's main entrance was blocked by life-sized dolls carrying the names of some of the 64 transvestites and transsexuals murdered by the police in recent years. A dozen LGTB activists chained themselves to the stairs. Almost 4,000 leaflets were distributed to passers-by. The city's most relevant media were present, as was a large police "custody" van, that fortunately remained idle. Activists called for an anti-transphobia campaign aimed at the general public, to involve all citizens in the defense of freedom to choose one's sexual/gender expression. Public response was mostly supportive.

ARGENTINEAN CITY BANS TG DISCRIMINATION

Rosario, Argentina, the country's second largest city, passed a non-discrimination bill on December 20 submitted by the gay/lesbian group Colectivo Arco Iris. It reads, "No discrimination involving exclusion in the name of or under the excuse of race, ethnic affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, age, (etc.) or any other circumstance will be allowed ... The city promotes the removal of any and every type of obstacle that, actually restricting equality and freedom, impede a person's full development and her/his effective participation in the social, political or economical community life." TGs there hope the new clause will help alleviate the hard realities faced by lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people in Rosario. Firings due to sexual orientation (the organization receives around 30 complaints per month), arbitrary arrest and youth suicide are the main problems affecting the Rosario GLBT community.

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"All Dressed Up

R. Scott Gerdes

Ultra-flamboyance is the ratings nutrient most TV talk shows and news magazines feed upon. As a famished cave-dweller salivates from the smell of roasting meat, so do the mass media circle the dramatic like vultures. No minority group is spared exploitation, and TGs are no exception. The prey is an all too familiar one: the F2M who lives with his wife and has asked an ex-husband to impregnate her, or the genetic male who had sex reassignment surgery, then changed his/her mind and had the procedure reversed, only to reconsider once more.

From the lips of most of TGs comes the question, "These people cannot possibly be true representatives of their respective communities. Where the hell are the decent, hard-working, stable representatives of the TG community?"

This question was also on the minds of the married-with-one-child film-making duo of Peter Schwartz and Ellen Sherman. The heterosexual crossdressing community, in particular, had sparked a sincere interest in the couple. The Schwartz-Sherman team wanted to know, "Who are these people and what societal challenges do they face?"

Fed up with the incessant media exploitation of crossdressers, Sherman and Schwartz set out to discover for themselves just who crossdressers were and what their lives were like. Determined to eschew shock-appeal and avoid acting as judge and jury, the seasoned filmmakers went into their project with the sole purpose of educating while entertaining. The result was *All Dressed Up and No Place To Go*, a feature-length documentary well-received by crossdressers and other members of the TG community when it was broadcast on Cinemax in October of 1996 as part of the network's *Reel Life* documentary series.

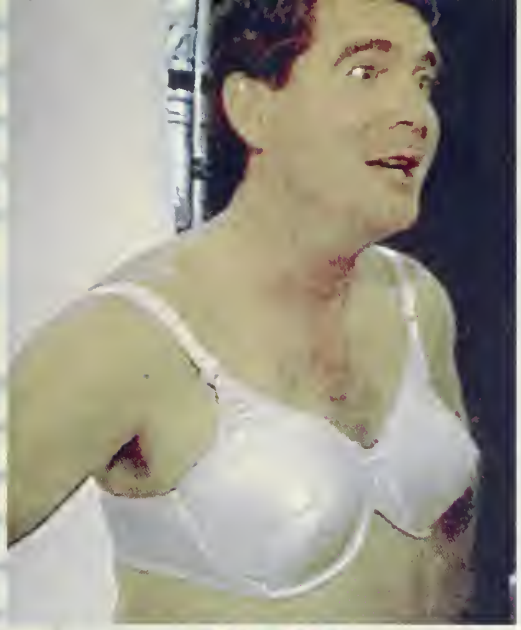
Photos: Courtesy Cajun Films

JoAnn Roberts

From their Cajun Films office in New York City, a refreshingly humble and light-hearted Ellen Sherman shared the story of how *All Dressed Up and No Place To Go* came to be. "We've always had an interest in heterosexual crossdressers," Sherman explained, "at least partly because they are forced to live their life underground, so to speak. Crossdressing is a subject that is very misunderstood, interesting and provocative. No one had documented a true account of how these folks truly live on a daily basis. We thought we'd see what these people are about. We set out to show that heterosexual crossdressers are like your nicest neighbor."

The best way to do that, Sherman conveyed, was not to show "men prancing around in dresses" but, rather through "pictures worth a thousand words" in the form of "a man in a dress leading a productive and positive life."

The Cajun Films duo are experienced professionals and not Johnny-Come-Latelys. Schwartz, who shot, directed and edited the documentary, has most recently worked on a film about whaling. Sherman, who wrote, handled sound recording and produced the film, has long been involved in children's programming. But, unlike their past works, funding for *All Dressed Up and No Place To Go* proved



Dale and Marnie

Neil and Dorothy

problematic when their normal sources did not readily open up checkbooks to help finance the production.

"We tried to get grants from various state, local and government foundations with very little success," Sherman said, then added with a frustrated chuckle, "There's no section at the library on how to raise money for this type of project." She attributed the financial roadblocks to the fact that the majority of institutions believe the general public is more interested in viewing shows about gay men and lesbians than films about heterosexuals, however diverse. Sherman feels the straight crossdressing community "falls through the cracks" with most funding organizations. She is convinced that if the subjects of *All Dressed Up and No Place To Go* had been gay or lesbian, Cajun would have experienced far less difficulty receiving funding.

ndaunted by the lack of financial support or a firm broadcasting contract, Sherman and Schwartz hung on to their strong conviction that the documentary needed to be done and dug into their own pockets to finance the film.

With the help of TG individuals, as well as national and local organizations and support groups, Sherman and Schwartz were introduced to a wealth of places to begin their filming, including the annual Fantasia Fair, held in Provincetown, Massachusetts every fall. Also,. Finding the places to film, they soon discovered, was far more difficult than finding faces to film. But, networking finally led them to four brave individuals who agreed to appear on camera in both their male and female personas. Of their difficulty in finding subjects Sherman stated, "We were sensitive to the reluctance of heterosexual CDs to let us film their lives as both selves. But, the film never would have worked if not for the courage of Jeff/Jean, Dale/Dallie, Neil/She-Neil and Joe/JoAnn."

With the help of those profiled, Sherman and Schwartz have successfully shown how these CDs keep their male/female identities on an even keel. (At one point the camera catches a CD putting the final touches on her makeup before descending to attend a crossdressing convention who quips, "This is my bar-mitzvah dress.") The film's makers have also captured the way friends, families and the general public perceive and interact with their CD subjects.

Sherman and Schwartz tag along to a nightclub with twice married lawyer Jeff/Jean, who wonders aloud if he/she will ever find a woman to truly love, support and accept the CD lifestyle. Inspiringly, by film's end, we see Jeff/Jean dating just such a female. Meanwhile, Dale/Dallie, a computer consultant, whose second wife devotedly accepts Dallie and even helps Dale get dressed as Dallie. Sadly, Dale misguidely attempts to stop crossdressing, much to the dismay of his wife, who misses Dallie very much.

In another segment, the filmmakers focus on a 68-year-old mining company CEO from Palm Beach, Neil/She-Neil. We first meet Neil/She-Neil behind his office desk in a tuxedo top, skirt, nylon and stiletto heels. Later, clad in a blouse, mini-skirt and a flamboyant hat, Neil/She-Neil attends a posh dinner with Florida's elite, where she is treated as the most popular of socialites. Neil/She-Neil's current girlfriend, Dorothy, explains that she was initially appalled to learn of Neil's crossdressing, but eventually became so

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The Making of a TG Documentary

Wives' Bill of Rights

Frances Fairfax

One of the most praised features of this magazine was the appearance in issue #69 (Fall 1994) of Frances Fairfax's "Bill of Rights" for Wives of Crossdressers and other M2F TGs. However, over the years a number of CDs have written in taking exception to several aspects of this "Bill of Rights." In this issue, we offer readers Frances Fairfax's original Bill of Rights, along with one of the most penetrating criticisms. It is our hope that this presentation will provide affected couples a jumping-off place for discussing the effect of crossdressing on their own lives, and the manner in which both might best integrate it into their relationship.

1. The Right to Know

We have the right to know about our husbands' crossdressing, preferably before marriage, but certainly when our husbands begin to make crossdressing a significant factor in their lives and wish to contact support groups.

2. The Right to Honesty

We have the right to honest and open communication with our husbands, with negotiation and compromise on both sides, particularly in regard to allocation of family resources and in matters pertaining to telling our children. Old patterns of selfishness and deception must cease.

3. The Right to Go Slow

We have the right not to be pushed to "accept" things before we have had time to learn enough about them and to begin to get used to them.

4. The Right to Healthy Masculinity

We have the right to our husbands as men, the men we married, men who maintain a positive, healthy masculinity while "exploring their femininity" and seek neither to evade responsibilities nor to appropriate our own feminine roles.

5. The Right to Wives' Support Groups

We have the right to support groups for ourselves that promote our own personal growth and well-being, help us understand our husbands' needs, and provide tools for relationship-building.

6. The Right to a Male Body

We have the right to our husbands' masculine male bodies. Neither partner in a marriage or a relationship has the right to alter body features without the full knowledge and consent of the other.

7. The Right to Approve Husband's Group

We have the right to support groups for our husbands that encourage their feminine development without denigrating healthy masculinity, that welcome us as full members on an equal basis with our husbands, and that fully support relationship commitments.

8. The Right Not to Be Mocked

We have the right not to be mocked and demeaned by sexually explicit or otherwise offensive conversation, dressing, and behavior at group meetings.

9. The Right to Stay Home

We have the right not to be pressured to attend group gatherings at public locations, night clubs, or other places that pose security risks.

10. The Right to Personal Possessions

We have the right to be asked for our permission before our clothes, makeup, jewelry, or other personal items are borrowed.

11. The Right to Personal Time

We have the right to personal time in which to get in touch with our own femininity, pursue our personal growth, and work on creative projects.

12. The Right to Community Support

We have the right to expect local, regional, and national gender organizations and conventions to fully support and promote these rights in their programs and policies.

(Frances Fairfax is married to Jane Ellen Fairfax. Together they have been deeply involved in Tri-Ess and the annual Spouses & Partners International Conference for Education gatherings.)

Crossdresser's Bill of Rights

J. Freed

I realize many of the isstues covered in the Wives' Bill of Rights deal with a woman's uneasiness with a feminine male. Society is changing and the definition of masculinity has already changed considerably in one generation. Many men are now homemakers and single parents and assume a greater role in managing the home. Male body adornment once included jewelry, while what would now be considered feminine clothes were the norm. This practice has begun to return with men wearing earrings, silk shirts and brighter colors. The definition of masculinity will continue to grow and change as the definition of femininity continues to grow and change. To expect femininity to grow and change and masculinity to remain unaltered is wrong. Crossdressers, gays and other TG folk are at the forefront of this change. J. Freed

1. The Right to Know

Disagree. The process of coming out to oneself takes years and is a gradual process of learning to love oneself. We occasionally see people coming out at twenty or younger. This is the exception, as most do not come out till they are over thirty. This is years after the average age of first marriage. Therefore. most cannot and will not come out to their wives before marriage, as they have not yet come out to themselves. After coming out to themselves, a certain amount of time must pass before one's comfort level is sufficient to come out to anyone else. The longer the attachment to a spouse, the more reticence there will be toward coming out. Therefore a person may feel more comfortable coming out to a complete stranger. Coming out to members of a support group, or even a store clerk, represents little risk of loss if rejected. The perceived and actual risk of loss of affection in coming out to a spouse is much greater. Therefore, the transgendered individual will have far greater discomfort in coming out to a spouse or parent. There is another reason it can be smarter to come out to a support group before coming out to a family member. Support groups can give CDs a greater understanding and a greater sense of confidence, along with a loss of shame and guilt. If a crossdresser or other TG person comes out to loved ones in shame and guilt, shame and guilt will be reflected back in that loved one's responses. A person who comes out with confidence and love for themselves will more likely receive acceptance in return. Members of support group can offer advice on approaches that have the greatest chance for success. A support group will also have materials to help the person in understanding this phenomenon.

2. The Right to Honesty

Disagree. Whether one is in a transgendered relationship or not, if allocation of family resources is a problem, then a budget should be established. This budget will include housing, clothing, food, transportation, entertainment and a discretionary fund. A discretionary fund could be set for each partner, with money available to that person for whatever use desired without having to justify or explain expenditures. Once spent, no additional money would be available for those discretionary items.

In matters involving children, secrecy is never the best policy. Negotiation should take place on how to broach the subject. Children have a right to know and love their father as he is.

3. The Right to Go Slow

May disagree. If Frances meant that a husband has no right to expect a wife's involvement in an activity with which she is uncomfortable, I wholeheartedly agree. If she means that a wife has a right to dictate or veto a husband's right to group involvement, to wear inside the home clothing of his choice, then I disagree.

4. The Right to Healthy Masculinity

Disagree. Men and women will continue to grow and change whether in a marriage relationship or not. Neither person will remain the person we married. I'm not sure what a "healthy masculinity" is. If Frances means stereotypical societal gender roles and behavior, then we differ. Just as feminists have argued that women have a right to grow beyond stereotypical feminine roles and behavior, so do men. True equality means all people have a right to be all they can and to choose a personality expression that is comfortable for them. Just as women have won the right to appropriate stereotypical male roles, such as chief breadwinner, leader within the community, head of household, and protector, so men have the right to appropriate

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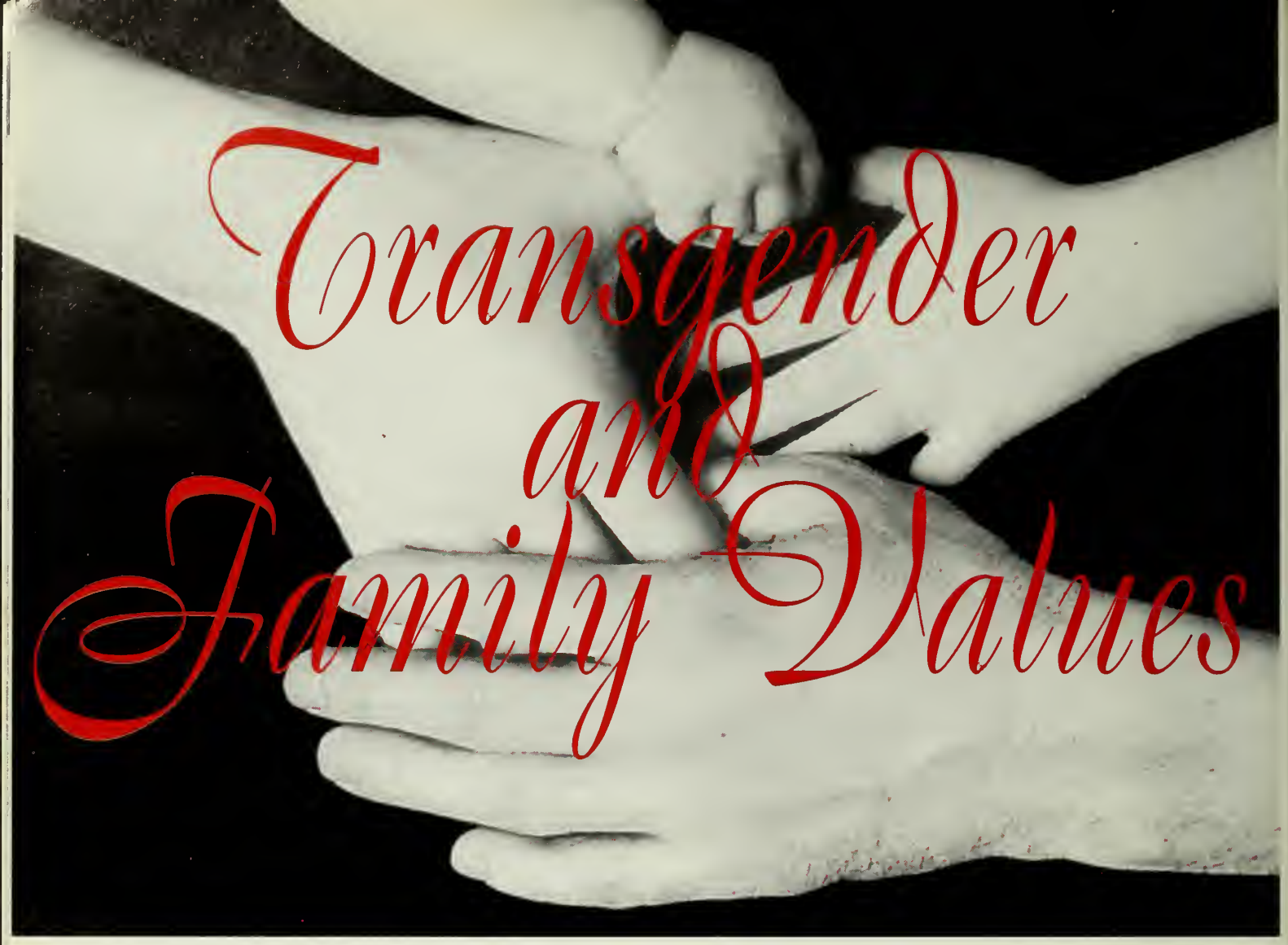

Transgender and Family Values

A Special Transgender Tapestry Symposium

There has been much controversy stirred up recently anent transgenders, gays and so-called "family values." Most of this rhetoric issued from those who feel that transgendered people and their gay and lesbian allies somehow represent a threat to families and that their existence is, in fact, antithetical to traditional "family values." To avoid lengthy side trips, we will skip over the question of whether such values were ever wide-spread or were more than mere appearance (with infidelity, shotgun marriages, sexual dysfunction, spousal abuse, child abuse and incest common but swept under the table). The more germane question (often unasked and unanswered) is how TG behavior actually impacts on families and family values. Are they truly antithetical, or might they, instead, be benign, compatible or even supportive? To answer this question we solicited many well-known community figures. Their responses appear in this issue and the next. This issue's participants are James Green, Nancy Nangeroni, Jane Ellen Fairfax, and Raven Kaldera.

James Green:

"Family Values" is a catch-phrase designed by the religious right to inspire repugnance for any manifestation of self that is outside the heterosexual and patriarchal tradition. It is used to cast shame upon anyone who violates certain standards—"their" standards. They invoke the phrase with equal intensity whether children are abused or adults assert their independence.

Family is nature's way of teaching people how to get along with people they would not otherwise choose as friends. It seems pretty simple to me what "family values" really ought to mean. If we had our own Transgender Family Values, the precepts might read something like this:

1. Honor Diversity.

2. Respect Others: All living things deserve respect until they willfully and maliciously cause harm to others (and then they should be dealt with as respectfully as possible, given the circumstances).

3. Respect Yourself: It is almost impossible to live fully or to truly give or receive love without self-respect.

4. Children are to be protected from harm, nurtured and encouraged to grow physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

5. Adults are to be encouraged to live, love, and express themselves as they choose, providing they do not cause harm to others.

6. Couples must be able to join in marriage if they so

choose, regardless of sex, gender, or sex assignment.

When I hear the term "family values" in its contemporary political context, I am reminded of the pioneer families, armed and ready to protect themselves from any encroachment. That, I believe, is how the television evangelists want their flocks to see themselves: beleaguered and threatened by evil forces, and needful of the protection only they—and their version of God—can provide. What we know today as "family values" are not the values that I want my family to live by, and I am teaching my daughter to recognize the difference between hypocritical values and a functional family.

Family should be a place where love and caring are taught. Sometimes TG children are taught fear and self-loathing instead. Rather than being nurtured, we are beaten down. I was an adopted child, and I was very fortunate that my adoptive parents respected and loved their children unconditionally. In my family, I learned about the meaning and value of commitment to others. The fact that I was TG as a child and grew up to become a transsexual was not unproblematic for some members of my family. True to our version of family values, however, I was never rejected by any of my family, though I feared rejection because of the pervasiveness of those other "family values." Though I lived a courageously visible TG life for 40 years before I realized I needed to undergo transition, I was stunned to realize how much I had been victimized by my own unfounded fears. I was lucky. If we want to create a new system of family values, we need to articulate it loud and clear—for ourselves, our children, and our extended families. Otherwise, the only voices we hear will be those of our oppressors.

(James Green is president of Female-to-Male International.)

Nancy Nangeroni:

A fundamental characteristic of family values is that they vary. Different families have different values, whether they live on opposite sides of the world or across the street. Since we don't all have the same values, we can't expect others to have the same values as we do. Likewise, we can't expect others to change their values to suit us, any more than we would be willing to change ours to suit them. So, a cornerstone of all family values ought to be respect for this difference. Without it, we cannot live together in peace. Whether our difference is skin color, language, dress, politics, economics, or even ethics, a healthy set of family values must above all respect the values of others.

Of course, the buzzword for this is diversity. As a friend of mine recently said to a dark-skinned acquaintance who was dissing TG folk, "There's more than one kind of diversity, honey."

Diversity is a sword that cuts both ways. If we want others to respect our flavor of diversity, we need to respect theirs. And theirs may have them disliking us. Which brings us to another fundamental principle: We can't expect everyone to like us. There are going to be people who don't like us, for whatever reason, and that's their business. Unfortunately, we can't simply avoid each other, there's too many of us. And we can't simply ignore each other, because we're too interdependent. So, we have to take that extra step: Tolerance, or, in a more personal sense, forgiveness. We have to forgive (tolerate) each other for being different, and for not always liking each other. By coming from an approach, or intention, of forgiveness, we are predisposed to tolerate the incursions of others into our awareness. We are more likely to overlook the reminder about parts of ourselves that we dislike. We are less likely to trigger each other's anger.

From the perspective of the TG, this means that if we want people to be more accepting of our presence in the world, we have to be more accepting of theirs. Instead of attacking the religious righteous, we need to recognize and respect their values, even when they seem as repugnant to us as our gender must seem to them. We are no more righteous telling them they have to change than they are telling us that we have to change. Fortunately, the more we accept others, the more we also accept ourselves. It's a win-win situation: Mutual tolerance makes us all winners.

A primary point of conflict is what to do about the children. We are at fundamental odds on this issue, and all we will get by trying to change each other is bloody noses. Rather, this difference is probably best resolved by negotiating in good faith. When there is communication across the philosophical divide, when compromise is tried and tried until the results succeed, then we will resolve our conflict, and agree on one more value in common.

After all, we're not really so different. We share a common love of freedom and family. What bond could be stronger?

(Nancy Nangeroni is host and executive producer of Gender Talk Radio. *For more information see their website at www.GenderTalk.com)*

Jane Ellen Fairfax:

I am a crossdresser. Although a genetic male, I have a healthy feminine side which I express, among other ways, by wearing women's clothing. Outmoded social stereotypes concerning my sexual orientation or motivation do not upset me, for I know and accept the truth about who I am. Nor do I feel any obligation to abide by Genderland's stereotypes. Some do enjoy

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Dr. Jason Cromwell Ph D and Family

TG Performers and Personalities in the News

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24-Carat Trans.

E.J. Gold may not be a name familiar to many members of the TG community. But he's extraordinarily well known in the art world. E.J.'s work has been showcased at the Santa Monica Art Gallery, Gallery of Functional Art, H. Heather Edleman Gallery, and Gallery Arcturus, and around the world in such locations as Norway, Romania, and even the White House solarium. His stories and essays have appeared in publications as varied as *Omni*, *Towne & Country*, *Jet*, *Fifteen*, and *Galaxy*. A former session artist, his inimitable saxophone handling can been heard on thirty-three cassettes and CDs, among them four Jeff Spencer Trio albums, five Zaphoid and the New Harmonics albums, and his own *Live at the Philharmonic* I-III. E.J. has worked with Harry Nilsson, the Jefferson Airplane, and George Tipton, among others. Nor has all his (and this is only the half of it) prodigious activity gone unheralded. The *New York Post*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Variety*, the *Houston Post* and some four dozen other publications have profiled, quoted or noted him. But, perhaps E.J.'s most enduring contribution has been as a pioneer in the Human Potential movement. Along with compadres like scientist John Lily, ennegram guru, Claudio Naranjo, Tibetan beacon Tarthang Rinpoche, and others of similar stature, E.J. conducted early research into flotation tanks and other non-pharmacological means of activating an individual's full capacities. His West Coast seminars and workshops were legendary, drawing an astonishing variety of participants. One result was a spate of some two dozen books with titles like *Autobiography of a Sufi*, *The American Book of the Dead*, *A Child's Guide to the Real World*, *Holy Hobo Handbook*, and *Work on Self*. (Oh, did we mention his early work as an actor on television series like *Rat Patrol*, *The Wild, Wild West*, *Get Smart, and Lost in Space*. And who do you think had the idea for *Green Acres* to begin with?) The point is that E.J., like a lot more celebrities than most people realize, is a crossdresser. Only E.J. doesn't hide it in a closet, never has. In fact, E.J. has been parading down the street in what he likes to call "shamantic drag" for more than three decades. E.J. has even incorporated it in a number of workshops. He feels donning drag and experiencing the world through the other gender's eyes helps open people up to their larger selves and wider possibilities. In one memorable 1966 session, he led crossdressed men and women down Sunsct Blvd., through the Los Angeles Federal building, and for a climax, lunch at the Universal Studios commissary (where he freaked out old pal Bill Shatner). Now E.J.'s at it again, combining CD with another reigning passion: music. A music video is the result, a delicious send-up of garage band punk, with a twist, *Punk Video Transvestites*. Like much of E.J.'s recent musical explorations, it's available on the internet on the Union Label. Now, don't get us started about his TG group dreamwalking experiences....

TG BEAU BRUMMELL.

In his white linen suit, Stetson hat and string-tie, F2M novelist and activist, Gary Bowen resembles nothing less than a TG Rhett Butler. But Gary's no mere clothes horse. Instead, he's a hard-working guy who keeps up a pace that would leave even the hyperactive in the dust. The author of three novels, mostly about an elegant, aristocratic gay male vampire, editor of nearly one dozen anthologies, a double award nominee, a pick for multiple best of the year anthologies, Gary has also found time to pen over 200 short stories. Keep your eye out for his novel *Diary of a Vampire*, which was a Finalist for the Bram Stoker Award, and *Man Hungry,*; a collection of erotic short stories in many genres. Gary's also edited *Western Trails* for Masquerade Books. He has short stories in three different 'best of' anthologies, as well as many other places. Check his work in *Hot Blood: Strangers After Dark*, *Bending the Landscape: Horror*, *Dark Angels*, *Meltdown*, *Bizarre Sex and Other Crimes of Passion it*, *Wired Hard I & it*, *Fetish Fantastic*, *Blood Kiss*, *TechnoSex*, *Of Princes and Beauties*, *Genderflex*, *Dead of Night*, *Bloodsongs*, *Into the Darkness*, *Bad Boy Magazine*, *Drummer Magazine*, *Mandate Magazine*, *Powerplay Magazine*, and other venues. But Gary's activities are hardly limited to the literary world. He is also the founder and Coordinator-in-Chief of the American Boyz, the second largest F2M organization in the United States and the only one that includes intersexuals, butch women, crossdressers, transmen, and their families and allies. He is Chair of the annual True Spirit Conference for F2M-identified genetic females. Gary also serves as a Director at Large of It's Time America, the national grassroots transgender lobbying organization that works state and local levels. He even manages to find time to serve as a Director of the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, a coalition of transgendered service organizations dedicated to lobbying and educating Congress on TG issues. Gary is also an active member of the Horror Writers Association, the National Writers Union, and the Western Writers Association. In his "spare time," he is a volunteer with the Fire Museum of Maryland where he enjoys doing preservation and restoration of historic fire engines. And, as if all that weren't enough, Gary recently established a web site entitled *High Plains Drifter of the Internet*, which can be reached at: http:www.netgsi.com/~cowboy. The recent First Annual True Spirit Conference was one of the TG community's most successful events ever. At its end, Gary turned a beaming, if somewhat exhausted face, on the assembled throngs and said, "I have my community at last!" Beau Geste, indeed.

TG Performers and Personalities in the News

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Kate sans wig afterward, with Ms Nancy Cain

Photo: Nancy Cain

WIGGED OUT. Audiences, TG and non-TG, have been flipping their lids over Kate Bornstein's performances for years. Now Kate's flipping hers for them. Kate, author of the autobiographical, *Gender Outlaw*, is a self-identified "performance artist." But anyone who has caught her act might feel a more accurate term is one Timothy Leary used when he appeared at local Los Angeles nightclubs during his later years, "stand-up philosopher." Certainly Kate's antics at the Tiffany Club of New England's annual First Event Conference had as much philosophy as comedy in them. But then philosophy, social satire and penetrant human insight have always been the largest part of comedy since Aristophonies and *The Birds*. Kate's First Event presentation was a real "wow" that brought attendees to their feet (no mean feat after three days of non-stop conviviality). You've heard of the food groups pyramid? Ms. Bornstein took that metaphor one step further and applied it to gender. At the top of the pyramid, according to Kate, are Anglo-Saxon white males, considered by most as the definitive best gender to be. Below them are males of other genders; below that women, below that gays and lesbians and bisexuals and asexuals, etc. When you get down to the bottom of the pyramid, you find TG folk, who have approximately the same social esteem as did the Egyptian slaves who built the original pyramids. Though similarity to the food chain, with TGs at the bottom, seems equally appropriate. The climax of the performance can only be described as "hair-raising." To blur the gender (and transgender) lines even further, in a thought-provoking and revealing climax, the beauteous Kate lifted her wig at the act's penultimate moment, reminding everyone of the yang within her yin (or perhaps vice versa). All we can say is, "Our wig...uh...hat's off to you Kate. Keep up the good work."

Kate and Garry Bowen before.

CONGRESSIONAL FACE-OFF. Phyllis Fry of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy has just returned from what she calls the Fourth National TG Lobbying Event in Washington DC, where a small nucleus of TGs helped familiarize congress with TG existence and issues. And is Fry excited about the results! (The 4th NTLE preceded the Second National TG Lobby Days, spearheaded by GenderPac's Rikki Ann Wilchins by a couple of months. If all these figures don't seem to add up, chalk it up to the confusion of terminology, and a dash of TG politics. Fourth, second, third or first, it all adds up to one thing: TG presence on Capital Hill, and that ain't bad!) Both Fry's and Wilchins' groups focused on lobbying for TG inclusion in the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which, if passed by Congress, would protect gays and lesbians from workplace discrimination. What's the real key to securing specific legal protection for trans-folk? According to Fry, it's grass roots contacts by TGs with the US senators and congresspersons from their home state. "No matter how many times TGs go to Capitol Hill," Fry says, "our efforts will only be partly effective until Senators and Representatives have a face from their state to associate with TG issues. Right now, the only TG faces they see are on the talk shows. TGs need to make appointments with their US congresspeople when these officials are back home visiting the state. Until TGs come to them and say, 'I am TG and these are problems we face,' these congresspeople are still going to be dealing with it from a theoretical point of view. Take Senator Charles Bradley, from Iowa. He is known as being a real conservative, and he has not been known as a friend of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community. One of the people who was with us in 1995 for the First TG Lobby Event was Gloria Fredericks from Iowa. Gloria made an appointment to meet with Senator Bradley. She made it under her guy name. But when she showed up she was Gloria. When she went in, Senator Bradley was dumbfounded by the fact that somebody who was transgendered actually lived in the state of Iowa. Plus the fact that she didn't fit any stereotypes he had. She was a warm, genuine, knowledgeable, caring, articulate person. Bradley not only met with her, but for such a long period of time that other meetings were postponed, including one with people from the Russian embassy. Well, Gloria died last year in an industrial accident. So when we were up on the hill this spring, we went to Senator Bradley's office. I told the receptionist that we wanted to meet with whoever on the staff had met with Gloria Fredericks two years ago. It wasn't more than thirty seconds after mentioning her name when Senator Bradley came bounding down the stairs and took us back up to his office. He was sorry to learn that Gloria was dead, and spent a good half-hour with us chatting about TG issues. The point is, that if we at the grass roots level will risk meeting with senators and representatives from our home states, we can help them put a face to TG issues and realize that we are part of their constituency and decent, hard-working people, not just a small group of freaks from New York or Los Angeles. That will make them far more sympathetic when legislation about TG rights come up for a vote."

So how do the congresspeople from your state stand on the issue of TG protection from employment discrimination? According to Fry, a state-by-state listing of those who are sympathetic can be found at the ICTLEP website, www.abmall.com/ictlep. Maybe it's time we all face-up to the fact that a face-to-face meeting with others can sometimes prevent a face-down later.

Queen Allyson Allante

From Stonewall the Rebellion to *Stonewall* the Movie - & All Parts in Between

Queen Allyson Allante. Monarch. Performer. Activist. Stonewall veteran. Movie star. Party girl. TG mover and shaker. President of The Imperial Queens and Kings of New York, one of the Big Apple's oldest all-inclusive TG groups. (Other IQ&K chapters can be found in Long Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.) The IQ&K was, ironically enough, founded twenty-nine years ago at the Stonewall bar, not long before the rebellion. A TG social and support organization, the IQ&K includes transsexuals, heterosexual crossdressers, F2Ms, and drag queens, plus their families, friends and supporters. Its founder and current President, Queen Allyson, earned her position and imperial title the hard way: as a veteran of the original Stonewall rebellion that launched the gay and lesbian rights movement in 1969. The events of that night, as they did for the gay and lesbian community at large, were to turn a somewhat mouthy drag queen into a full-fledged political activist. A self-identified "gay male crossdresser," Queen Allyson comes across on the phone as a TG Fran Drescher. Brash, brazen, uninhibited and possessed of a laser-sharp mind, a phone call with Queen Allyson is like twenty minutes with the Marx Brothers, Einstein, Gloria Steinham, and Mae West all rolled into one. Unlike other TG activists, Queen Allyson doesn't hope for an occasional audience with the politicos whose votes and actions affect the future of the TG community. She hob-knobs with them on an almost daily basis. Most recently, she was asked to testify before the New York City Council, and has had Bronx Boro President Fernando Ferrer appear before the IQ&K to detail his position on the domestic partnership laws and TG rights. Now the hyper-kinetic Queen appears to be branching out into the movies with a short cameo before the opening credits of *Stonewall*, a fictional dramatization of the events leading up to the Stonewall rebellion. Though a whirl-wind of motion, Queen Allyson paused long enough to gather various reigning members of her court around her for a cover shoot by *Transgender Tapestry* Staff Photographer Mariette Pathy Allen and an interview with Editress-in-Chief, Jean Marie Stine.

TRANSGENDER: We understand you were at the original Stonewall bar the night of the rebellion that sparked the gay/bi/les/trans movement.

QUEEN ALISON: Yes, on June 27, 1969, that's when the Stonewall rebellion started. It was a Friday evening. I was there, as well as other members of the Imperial Queens. I was one of the ones, unfortunately, that were apprehended at the scene. That's the main distinction. And I did fight back. I fought off three cops, as a matter of fact, at the same time. The protests lasted for a week. I was there only the first night of the rebellion. I was in shock subsequent to that.

TRANSGENDER: From your point of view, what triggered the events of that evening?

QUEEN ALISON: It started because of the pattern of extortion and harassment against gay and transgendered people by the New York police. The cops would get regular payoffs from gay and TG clubs in Greenwich Village. If the club didn't make their payoff, then the cops would raid it! In other words, the cops were paid off not to raid it. It wasn't just the Village, either. It was a pattern, a citywide practice with gay bars, including Queens and Brooklyn. Years later, former mayor Koch indicated to me in a letter that the city of New York owes eternal gratitude to the Imperial Kings and Queens of New York and other organizations and individuals, who fought that pattern of harassment and forever changed the police department of the city of New York. Today, even the police acknowledge that, too.

TRANSGENDER: So, you're saying that the Imperial Kings and Queens was already in existence at the time of the Stonewall Rebellion?

QUEEN ALISON: It was formed before the rebellion, Halloween of 1968, at the Stonewall club. That was where a lot of TG people gathered, drag queens, transvestites, transsexuals. TGs came from Long Island and outer boroughs of New York, from New Jersey, even Connecticut because it was a dance club. We went there for the dancing, for the music. It was a fun place. One day some of us decided to form an organization, and that became the Imperial Queens and Kings. Since the Stonewall was the best place for people to get together because it was a central place to meet in Greenwich Village, we held our meetings there. One of the Mafia owners at the time, his name was Zucci, would say, "Will you girls stop having your meetings here?" I'd tell him, "Zucci, number one, we're not having a meeting; and number two, if we were, it's bringing in business." And he'd say "All right, all right."

TRANSGENDER: What actually provoked the rebellion that night?

QUEEN ALISON: It was the first weekend of summer, Friday night, the colleges had just finished for the year, the students had gotten out, the Village was jumping, and Judy Garland's funeral was that day. It was all over the front pages of the newspapers. And the club that evening was, festive, but melancholy. A lot of the girls were saying, "Let's have another drink to Judy," and were getting rather intoxicated over it. It was very mixed up. There was a tension in the air the whole evening. And then the cops invaded. Zucci must have forgotten to make the pay-off. It wasn't just NYC cops, either. There were elements of the First Division detectives, the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm agents, and the NYPD. It was really an invasion, a well-planned invasion. But they just picked the wrong night, the wrong place, the wrong village, and the wrong city."

TRANSGENDER: There seems to be a feeling that the Stonewall rebellion led to the movement for gay and lesbian rights, and also to the movement for TG rights. Is that your sense of events?

QUEEN ALISON: Absolutely. Gay and TG people stopped

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The Secret of Acceptance

Peggy Rudd, EdD

The need for acceptance is a common human trait. Small children seek love and acceptance from their parents, and when they fail to get it, self-esteem is sometimes affected. Students want acceptance from their teachers, and grades become the yard stick used to measure the degree of achievement. Workers want acceptance from their supervisors, and frequently the paycheck is considered the measure of professional accomplishment. Therefore, the need for transgendered individuals to seek acceptance should come as no surprise.

"Acceptance" is a word frequently used within the transgender community. How many times have we heard the expression, "If only I could find acceptance!"? Transgendered people, like most other people in the world, want to find others who will love them exactly as they are.

Let us not forget that while transgendered men want and need acceptance, the women who are in committed relationships with them need acceptance, too. These women would like to believe they will be loved even if they are not able to move rapidly toward total acceptance. The ability to transcend traditional norms for gender roles is a process which may require years of committed effort. A woman needs to be able to set her own pace for accepting the man she loves. It may take time for her to come to grips with the complex issues related to gender. I frequently remind men in our community that they have been involved in the process of self- discovery for years. The women in their lives will need ample time to make their own discoveries. Acceptance requires time and patience from everyone.

The "Nouveau" Concept Of Self-Esteem

Acceptance from others usually follows self-acceptance. Self-esteem and the feeling of being accepted seem to be inseparably interwoven. The "nouveau" concept of self-esteem relates to favorable attention we receive throughout life, but it relates even more to a developmental process which occurs as frustrations, failure, and adversity enter life. The issue of acceptance is complicated by the fact that many transgendered individuals have met some degree of opposition, and many will, therefore, need to repair their damaged self-esteem.

The experience of standing on our own merit promotes true self-satisfaction and confidence. This may be what Thomas Jefferson meant when he spoke about the right to the pursuit of happiness. You must depend upon yourself. You must pursue your own happiness. No other person can bring it to you. For the transgendered this will mean coming to grips with a large feminine side.

Purging The Guilt

It is also important to shake away guilt and shame, and learn a level of self-love. Women who love the transgendered male must also leave the guilt behind. Certainly wives or girlfriends have not caused the husband's behavior. Therefore, there is nothing to feel guilty about, but many of us get bogged down with needless guilt. The heavy arm of society has forced us to look at the behavior as wrong or harmful. Nathaniel Braden, in his book *How to Raise Your Self-Esteem*, discusses guilt. According to Braden, people feel guilt when contemplating something they have done or failed to do. This contemplation leads to a diminished feeling of self-worth. Thus the individual feels defensive or combative when someone mentions the behavior. At that time, he or she finds it difficult to examine the behavior objectively. Looking closely at this chain of responses will help us to understand the negative reaction people experience when trying to incorporate crossdressing into a love relationship.

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CDs as Angelic Messengers?

The Man in the Red Velvet Dress
a column on crossdressing

J. J. Allen

In his fascinating work, *Angels and Aliens: UFOs and the Mythic Imagination*, author Keith Thompson says of Carl Jung, "Jung was the first reputable scholar to observe parallels between the motifs of UFO events and a variety of mythological motifs throughout human history." Jung speculated that behind the UFO phenomenon stands the collective unconsciousness the same force which gave rise to the gods and myths of old. Because humanity has outgrown these myths, Thompson suggests that UFOs may be an emergent myth whose divine purpose is to confront humanity anew with a formidable and unknown reality.

Thompson notes that while UFOs sometimes speak to us with dramatic technological symbols, compelling mysteries, and extraordinary, inexplicable events, the inherent absurdity and strangeness of the UFO phenomenon is consistent with the mythological theater of the gods wherein half-truths, contradictions, tricks, lies, and absurdity are part and parcel of the drama. Jung's striking notion that UFOs may in fact represent a new chapter in the evolutionary mythos of human consciousness was posited in his 1959 work, *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky*. I found some noteworthy parallels therein between the UFO phenomenon and the transgendered experience. Consider Jung's observation concerning the reaction of some people to their startling dreams of encountering UFOs:

"Nowadays people who have an experience of this kind are more likely to go running to the doctor or psychiatrist than to the theologian....They took them for symptoms of mental illness, possibly heralding insanity, whereas in reality they were dreams sent by God, real and genuine religious experiences that collided with a mind unprepared, ignorant, and profoundly prejudiced. In this matter there is little choice today: anything out of the ordinary can only be pathological, for that abstraction, the 'statistical average,' counts as the ultimate truth, and not reality."

This sounds very much like the initial reaction one has upon cross-dressing for the first time! Indeed, were we to link transgenderism to something as conceptually potent as the Jungian schema of UFOs, we open an interpretative avenue that is truly intriguing. Consider the following comparisons:

1) Transgenderism, like the UFO phenomenon, poses a significant challenge to the preconceived notions of culture.

2) Within the UFO movement kooks, regular people, impassioned visionaries, and the occasional genius co-exist, and they frequently fight among each other over what constitutes the truth and reality of the phenomenon. Unfortunately, the UFO kooks do get the most time on talk shows and the most coverage in the tabloids. Both of these characteristics are present within transgenderism.

3) The outside world utterly fails to comprehend the intense initiatory experience of the contactee or the abductee. Thus, the world can only satirize, sensationalize, or dismiss the experience and claims of these people, much in the same way they do the initiates of transgenderdom.

4) People are divided over the question of whether UFOs pose a serious threat to humanity or if they, as Whitley Steiber argued in Communion, ultimately have our best interests in mind. Likewise, the popular debate over transgenderism seems to be whether it represents a pathology or a harmless variation within human behavior. Few people consider the possibility that both UFOs and transgenderism may represent a facet within the evolution of human consciousness.

5) Many UFO contactees and abductees prefer to stay anonymous because they know the world will only misunderstand and ridicule them. Instead, they prefer to speak of their experiences only

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ARKANSAS
(716-729)

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CD/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** PO Box 14521, Long Beach CA 90803. Send SASE for details. Private membership club.

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CD/SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB:** CHIC, PO Box 8487, Long Beach CA 90808. (310)420-2580. Support group.

CD/TS - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS:** PO Box 816 Lakewood, CA 90714. (310) 869-4241. Outreach coordination.

CD - **CD SOCIAL GROUP:** PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.

SO - **PATHFINDERS:** PO Box 2973, Corona CA 91718-2973. Support group for genetic women involved with the gender community.

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CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:** PO Box 3822 Riverside CA 925519-3822. Support group.

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CD/TS - **PEOPLE EXPRESSING ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES:** PEAL, Gay and Lesbian Center, 12832 Garden Grove Blvd. #A, Garden Grove CA 92832. (714)534-0862, live Wed. 8:00-9:30. Monthly support group.

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CD/TS - TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO: 584 Castro, PO Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588. (415)863-6717. Political action group.

FTM TS - FPSG: 584 Castro, PO Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990. Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY.

CD/TS/SO - SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION: SFGI, PO Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602. Maintains database of TG resources for SF Bay area.

CD/TS/SO - EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL: ETVC, PO Box 426486 San Francisco CA 94142-6486. (510)549-2665 hotline, (415)334-3439 voice-mail, Telzey (510)849-4112. Support group.

SO - SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, PO Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486. Support group.

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TS - THE SUNDAY SOCIETY: PO Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647. Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder, (312)486-3125, (312)252-7024, Sheila L. Support group.

TG - OUTPOST TRANSGENDER GROUP: 123W. Church, Champaign IL 61825. Elizabeth (217)359-5113. Email: bridgett@prairienet.org. Support group.

SO - TRANSGENDER SIGNIFICANT OTHERS: Star (217)328-4469.. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY: CGS, PO Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657. (708)863-7714. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION: CIGA, PO Box 182, Washington IL 61571. (309)444-9918, JoAnn. Support group.

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CD/TS - WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE: PO Box 16831, Wichita KS 67216-0831. Support group.

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CD/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** c/o H. Garfinkle, PO Box 1994, Silver Spring MD 20915. (301)649-3960. Support group. Meets in Bethesda, Md.

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MASSACHUSETTS
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CD/TS - **BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES:** PO Box 508, North Adams MA 01247. Support group.

CD/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK:** PO Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267. Support group.

TS - **ASSET (After Surgery Support for Transsexuals):** ASSET, PO Box 3121, Greenfield MA 01302. Email: asset@crocker.com. Support group.

TS - **MERISSA'S SUPPORT GROUP:** (508)358-5919. Support Group. First Sunday of month, 6-10pm in Wayland, Massachusetts.

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FTM - **ENTERPRISE:** PO Box 629, Jamaica Plain MA 02130. (617)441-5165 FTM support group.

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F2M - **THE OFFICERS' CLUB:** 123 Moody St., Waltham MA 02154. (617) 683-1095. Support group.

TS - **GETTING REAL:** PO Box 194, West Newton MA 02165. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **AXA:** PO Box 38-0547, Cambridge MA 02238. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** PO Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653. Support group.

MICHIGAN
(480-499)

CROSSROADS: PO Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Messages: (313)537-3267. Support group.

CD/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:** NGDO, PO Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202. Justina Williams, President, (313)842-5258. Education and support.

TRI-S - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA DETROIT:** c/o Tri-Ess, 8880 Bellaire B2, Suite 104, Houston TX 77036. (temporary). Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:** PO Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501. Support group.

MINNESOTA
(550-567)

CD/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION:** MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117. (612)220-9072 (voice-mail). Support group.

GENDER EDUCATION CENTER: GEC, PO Box 1861, Minneapolis MN 55311. Debbie Davis, Director. (612)424-5445, FAX (612)424-8595. Educational outreach.

TS - **NEW MEN & WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** PO Box 6432, Minneapolis MN 55406-0432. (612)220-1920. Support group.

TRI-S - **BETA GAMMA:** Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408. (612) 870-8536. Email: triessbg@tri-esss.com. Web site: http://www.tri-ess.com. Support group.

DISTRICT 202: 2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408. Safe place for youth.

CD - **CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:** CLCC, PO Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414. (612)229-3613. Support group.

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM: Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612)625-1500, FAX (612)626-8311. Educational outreach.

MISSISSIPPI
(386-396)

CD/TS - **AURORA:** c/o Kim Brown, PO Box 1306, Florence MS 39073. (601)845-1328. Support group.

TRI-S - **BETA CHI MISSISSIPPI:** PO Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253. Lee Frances, Secretary, (601)982-7678 (24 hrs). Support group.

MISSOURI
(630-658)

CD/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION:** StLGF, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. (314) 367-4128. StLGF@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS - **MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE:** MAGGIE, c/o St. Louis Gender Foundation, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. Coalition.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Stacey K. Connors, 1101 S. Liberty Drive, Liberty MO 64068. (816)792-0304. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA MU:** PO Box 2502#298, Springfield Mo 65801. Phone: (417)831-3433. Email: LSolomon@mail.orion.org.

NEBRASKA
(680-693)

CD/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680. Support group.

NEVADA
(890-898)

TRI-S - **TAU UPSILON:** 8802 E. Broadway Blvd., #145, Tucson AZ 85710. (502) 296-3472. Support group.

TRI-S -**THETA UPSILON GAMMA:** PO Box 42401, Las Vegas NV 89116. (702) 387-3891. Email: sage@intermind.net. Web site: http://www.intermind.net/theta/theta.html. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TURNABOUTS OF LAS VEGAS:** PO Box 927, Las Vegas NV 89125. (702) 222-7814. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS SUPPORT GROUP:** Leave a message for Marty, (702)594-7884. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SILVER ROSE GENDER ASSOCIATION:** c/o Lynda Cheney, PO Box 1334, Carson City NV 89702. Email: lyndach@aol.com. Support group.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
(030-038)

WRITERS ETC.: c/o Abby M. Greene, PO Box 6211, West Franklin NH 03235. (603) 934-3379. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER TALK NORTH:** PO Box 421, Peterboroough NH 03458. (603)924-8828. Support group. Email: gtnorth@top.monad.net

G/L/Bi./T/Q YOUTH - **SEACOAST OUTRIGHT:** PO Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03802. Phone: (603)431-1013. Resource, referral, support for those 21 and younger; referral only for those over 21.

NEW JERSEY
(070-088)

TRI-S - **SIGMA NU RHO:** SNR, 1092 St. Georges Ave., Box 234, Rahway NJ 07065-2664. Phone: (908)826-5287. 24-hour hot-line (800)480-3152, in near states. Support group.

CD/TS - **JUMPSTART CABLE:** PO Box 622, Paramus NJ 07653. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI DELTA MU:** PO Box 1, River Edge NJ 07661-0001. (800)484-7593(code4985). Support group. Internet: cdm@carroll.com

CD/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH/OCEAN TRANS-GENDER:** PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. (908)219-9094. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSIT:** (908)526-2369. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK:** ECCN, c/o MOG, PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. Support group.

CD/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, PO Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960. (201)663-0772. Support group.

CD/TS - **SOUTH JERSEY/SHORE AREA CHAPTER:** Renaissance SJ, PO Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330. (800)480-3152. Support group.

CD/TS - **NEW JERSEY TG SUPPORT GROUP:** NJTG, c/o T. Risley, 301 F. Sawnders Ave., Bellmawr NJ 08031. Renaissance affiliate. (609)933-2233.

NEW MEXICO
(870-884)

TRI-S - **FIESTA!:** 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109. Phone: (505)299-2533. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Stephanie, 2449 Algodones N.E., Albuquerque NM 87112. Support group.

NEW YORK
(090-149)

CD/TS - **TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR):** (212)979-8547. Political action group.

CD/TS/SO - **IMPERIAL QUEENS & KINGS OF NY, LI, NJ, CT & PA:** 80 Eighth Avenue, Suite 301, New York NY 10011. (212)229-1968 days, (212)627-1969 evenings. Open social group.

TS - **GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT:** Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011. (212)620-7310. Support group.

CD/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK:** 561 Hudson St, PO Box 45, New York NY 10014. (201)794-1665 ext. 332, (718)461-9050. Support group.

BI-GENDER SELF-HELP GROUP: meets 2nd Monday each month, 6-8 pm in lower Manhattan. Contact: Lynda Frank, (212)765-3561.

CD/TS/SO - **CDI/NY:** 404 W. 40th St., #2, New York NY 10018. (212)570-7389, or (212)564-4847. Support group.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY:** Box 2783, Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163. (212)388-7022. B&D-oriented support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GIRLS' NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, PO Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. (201)794-1665, ext 2021. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NEW YORK GIRL & PARTNER:** PO Box 456, Centereach NY 11720. (516)732-5115. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **HEMPSTEAD HOTLINE:** (516)485-6400.

CD/TS/SO - **HUNTINGTON HOTLINE:** (516)549-8700.

CD/TS/SO - **MIDDLE EARTH HOTLINE:** (516)679-1111.

CD/TS/SO - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION:** LIFE, PO Box 3015, Lake Ronkonkoma NY 11779-0417. (516)471-6037. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB:** TGIC, PO Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604. (518)436-4513 live Thurs. 7-9 p.m. or leave a message and instructions for calling back. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO Box 1611, South Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12601-0611. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **EXPRESSING OUR NATURE:** EON, PO Box 3586, Syracuse NY 13220. (315)431-9606. Support group.

TRI-S - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA :** PO Box 97, Ilion NY 13357. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK:** PO Box 6164, Watertown NY 13601. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TG SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NY:** 26646 Smith Road, Dexter NY 13634. (315)649-5534. Support group.

TRI-S - **NU PHI CHI-BUFFALO BELLES:** P.O. Box 1701, Amherst NY 14226-1701. (716)643-2626. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** PO Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692. (716)251-2132. Support group.

NORTH CAROLINA
(270-289)

CD/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION:** TGA, c/o Stephanie Dyla, PO Box 2265, Jamestown NC 28282-2264. (910)454-1493. Support group. http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/8607/

A CIRCLE OF CHILDREN: Rt 5, PO Box 564, Zebulon NC 27579. Chris Allen, (919)269-8698. Support group.

CD/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145. (704)642 1914. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANS-SENSUAL ALLIANCE:** PO Box 25347, Charlotte NC 28229-5347. (704)551-8838 (voice mail). Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **AGO:** 1235-E East Blvrd., Charlotte NC 28203. Alternative Gender-Oriented is group's full name.

TRI-S - **KAPPA BETA:** PO Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101. (704)565-5034. Email: bptf33f@prodigy.com. Web site: www.3dcom.com/tg/triess/kb/. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI CHI RHO-TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, PO Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, PO Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814. (704)253-9882. Support group.

OHIO
(434-457)

CD/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** PO Box 287, Columbus OH 43068-0287. (614)231-1368. Email: cc@stargatge.com. Support group.

GLASS CITY SISTERS: PO Box 8532, Toledo OH 43623. Email: glassister@al.com. Support group.

TRI-S - **ALPHA OMEGA:** Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053. (216)556-0067. Support group.

CD - **PARADISE CLUB:** Paradise, PO Box 29564, Parma OH 44129. Email: ParadiseCL@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT:** PO Box 1692, Cincinnati OH 45201. (606)581-3711, E-mail: crossport@aol.com. Support group.

OKLAHOMA
(730-749)

CD/TS - **SOONER DIVERSITY:** PO Box 575, Norman OK 73070. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA BETA:** PO Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123. Support group.

CD/TS - **CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** COTA PO Box 60354, Oklahoma City OK 73146. Support group.

CD/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI c/o Ms Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. (918)582-6643/835-5334. Support group.

CD/TS - **DESIRE:** c/o Ms. Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. Support group.

OREGON
(970-979)

TS/TG/TV - **THE TRANS GROUP:** c/o Phoenix Rising Foundation, 620 SW 5th Ave., Suite 710, Portland OR 97204. Phone: (503)223-8299. Support group.

TS- **TRANSSEXUAL PEER SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Phoenix Rising Foundation, 620 SW 5th Ave., Suite 710, Portland OR 97204. Phone: (503)223-8299. Support group.

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE:** NWGA, PO Box 4928, Portland OR 97208. (503)646-2802. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANS-PORT:** PO Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913. (503)774-8463. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:** PO Box 3312, Salem OR 97302. Support group.

TS - **SALISHON, THE WOMYN'S INFORMATION NETWORK:** SALISHON, PO Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Service and information.

TG - **INTERMOUNTAIN TRANSGENDER OUTREACH** 1524 Monroe Avenue, La Grande OR 97850. (541)962-3466. Email: keol@eosc.osshe.edu. Support group.

PENNSYLVANIA
(150-196)

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** TSG, 6020 Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh PA 15206. (412)661-7030. Support group.

FTM - **PITBOYZ:** Dan & Michelle. E-mail: windyl@aabe.com.

CD/TS - **TRANSPITT:** PO Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230. (412)224-6015. Support group.

CD - **TRAVELERS EXPRESS:** PO Box 150, Falls Creek PA 15840. (814)375-7651. Support group.

FAMILY - **TRANSFAMILY:** c/o Deni Scott, 962 Rockdale Road, Butler PA 16001. (412)758-3578 (Janet). Email: dscott@pgh.net. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **OASIS:** PO Box 622, Meadville PA 16335. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS:** ESCC, 1903 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505. Email: eriesister@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, PO Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. (717)780-1578. Support group.

FTM - **LANCASTER BOYZ:** Tom (717)892-4999. E-mail: malesic@prolog.net. (Philadelphia area.)

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, PO Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NE PA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** Lehigh Valley. (610)821-2955. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER:** Renaissance PHL, PO Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020. (610)975-9119. Support group.

TS - **PHILA. TS SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103. (215)567-7879. Support group.

TS - **POSITIVE CHANGE:** c/o Pequin Place, 201 S Camac St., Philadelphia PA 19107. Joanna Sands (215)732-0603. Support group.

FTM - **PHILLY BOYZ:** Steve (215)546-6444. E-mail: shock@asc.upenn.edu. (Philadelphia area.)

UJIMA: Peer counseling, safer sex demos, and info materials for TG teens. Meets Wed. nights at 6:30 at 1207 Chestnut Street, 4th floor in Philadelphia

SIDA DE PUERTO RICO: PO Box 36-4842, San Juan PR 00936-4842. Phone (787)782-9600. HIV/AIDS outreach organization.

TENNESSEE
(370-384)

TRI-S - **ALPHA PI OMEGA:** PO Box 871, Brentwood TN 37204-0871. Email: laurywl@mindspring.com. Web site: http://members.aol.com/apotris/aponash.htm. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS:** PO Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209. (615)664-6883 voice mail. Support group. E-mail:ttp://www.transgender.org/tg/tvals/index.html

TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite 4, Memphis TN 38104-2402. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **MEMPHIS TG ALLIANCE:** PO Box 11052, Memphis TN 38111-0052. Support group.

TEXAS
(750-799)

TRI-S - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER:** PO Box 141924, Irving TX 75014. (214)264-7103. Support group.

CD/TS - **AGAPE:** 1631 Dorchester, #112, Plano TX 75075. (214)424-1234. Support group.

TRI-S - **NU EPSILON TAU:** PO Box 14096, Arlington TX 76094. (214)490-5738. Email: BobbieR648. Support group.

CD/TS - **HELP ME...ACCCEPT ME OF DALLAS:** 6753 Camp Bowie Blvd., #177, Fort Worth TX 76116. Supprt group.

CD - **METROPLEX CD CLUB:** Bldg 106, Suite 144, 7120 Rufe Snow Dr., Watauga TX 76148-1862. Support group.

SO - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' SUPPORT:** PO Box 5304, Katy TX 77036. (909) 875-2687.

CD - **HELPING CDs ANONYMOUS:** HCDA, 68-4 e Hwy 6 s #334, Houston TX 77083. Email: brenda@firstnethou.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY:** PO Box 66643, Houston TX 77266. (713)780-4282. Support group.

TS - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR TS SUPPORT:** PO BOX 142, Bellaire TX 77401. (713)827-5913. Support group.

TRI-S - **TAU CHI CHAPTER-TRI ESS:** Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105. (713)349-8969. Email: JEFTRIS@aol.com. Web site: http:www.firstnethou.com/brenda/. Support group.

ROSENBERG CLINIC, GENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM: 1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550. (409)763-0016. Medical, psychological care and support groups.

SO - **WATS:** PO Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. (210)980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **BOULTON & PARK SOCIETY:** PO Box 17, Bulverde, TX 78163 (210)980-7788 live Tues. 6-9 pm CT. Email: tx t party@aol.com. Support group.

TS - **SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** SATSG, PO Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** PO Bx 15381, Austin, TX 78761. (512)515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm. Support group.

CD/TS - **WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE:** c/o Tami Maloney, 5817 Atlantic Dr., Abilene TX 79606. Support group.

UTAH
(840-847)

CD/TS/SO - ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY: PO Box 571242, Murray UT 84157-1242. (801)553-8141. Support group.

CD/TS/TG/SO - SALT LAKE GENDER CONSORTIUM: Genevera Martin Pres., PO Box 651073, Salt Lake City UT 84165-1073. (801)576-1416. Support Group.

VERMONT
(050-059)

CD/TS - VERMONT TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP: For information leave message at (802)860-8430. Support group.

VIRGINIA
(220-246)

CD - BLACK ROSE: PO Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210. (301)369-7667. Support group.

TS/SO - METRO AREA GENDER IDENTITY CONNECTION (MAGIC): MAGA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

TRANS-GENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION: PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

CD - VIRGINIA'S SECRET: PO Box 14716, Richmond VA 23221-0386. (804)262-3906. E-mail: vasecret@aol.com. Support group.

FTM - VA BOYZ: John (804)751-0584. E-mail: moojuu@gnn.com.

CD/TS.So - BEACH BUNNIES: PO Box 64121M, Virginia Beach VA 23467. Support group.

WASHINGTON
(980-994)

TS/SO - TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS: TLF, Seattle, WA (206)292-1037. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - EMERALD CITY: PO Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103. (206)827-9494. Support group.

CD/TS - CINDERELLA CIRCLE: 929 N. State St., #B, Bellingham WA 98225 (360) 671-7826. Support group.

CD/TS/M2F/F2M/SO - PAPILLON: Attn: Marianne, P.O. Box 1365, Veredale, WA 99037. Support Group. Phone: (509)624-5358. Out of Spokane

WASHINGTON, DC
(200-205)

CD/TS - WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE: c/o R. Lewis, PO Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724. (301)277-5475. Support group. Meets in Baltimore.

FTM - DC BOYZ: Adam (301)270-0372. E-mail: romandede@aol.com. (Metro DC.)

CD/TS/SO - TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON: TGEA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822. Support group.

WEST VIRGINIA
(246-268)

CD/TS - THE VALLEY GIRLS: TVG, PO Box 181, Dunbar WV 25064. Support group.

CD/SO - TRANS-WV: PO Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322. Support group

WISCONSIN
(530-548)

TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP: c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918. (414)271-3322. Psychotherapy.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211. Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, LICSW, (414)332 5407. Psychotherapy.

CD/TS/SO - GEMINI GENDER GROUP: PO Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214. (414)297-9328 (voice-mail). Support group.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304. (414)774-4111. Full service TS facility.

WYOMING
(820-831)

CD/TS - CENTRAL WYOMING TG SUPPORT GROUP: PO Box 1301, Evansville WY 82636. (307)265-3123. Support group.

CANADA

CANADA QUEBEC

TS/SO - FACTT - QUEBEC: Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6. French-speaking referrals, medical and psychological services and support group.

TS/SO - TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6. Information and referrals.

CD/TS/SO - CLUB MET: 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8. (514)528-8874. Support group. (Formerly TAM.)

TS/SO - TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Non-prisoners contact Dee Farmer, 23288037, PO Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6.

ONTARIO

TS/CD - FACTT - OTTAWA: Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E4. Support group.

TS - TRANSITION SUPPORT: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - XPRESSIONS: PO Box 223, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5W 1B2. (416)812-6879. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER METAPHOR:** 829 Northwest Road, Suite 715, Kingston, Ontario CANADA K7P-2N3. Email: genmet@adan.kingston.net. Support group.

CD/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES:** c/o W. Travers, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8. (416)926-0744 (24 hours). Multitude of services for TG youth.

IS - **PATRICIA FLORA:** PO BOX 425, Postal Station C, 1117 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6J 3P5.

CD/TS/SO - **CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER'S CLUB:** 161 Gerrard St. E, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4. (416) 921-6112 (24hr). Support group. e-mail: info@wildside.org

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER MOSAIC:** PO Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4. (819)770-1945. Support group.

MANITOBA

CD/TS/SO - **PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER GROUP:** PRGG, Box 23 Grp 4 RR1, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0. CANADA. (204) 257-2759. Support group.

ALBERTA

CD/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 2000, 6802 Ogden Rd. SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4. (403) 236 7072. Support group.

TRI-S - **PHI SIGMA:** Box 81115, 755 Lake Bonavista Drive S.E., Calgary, Alberta CANADA T2J 7C9. Phone: (403)271-6247. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood PO , Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P 4V8. Support group.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, CANADA V4P 1A4. (604)536-2053. Support group.

CD/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY:** Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1. Support group.

CD/TS - **FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANS-GENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY:** FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5L 2R5 (604)254-9591.

ZENITH FOUNDATION: Box 8415 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6P 4Z9. (604) 261-1695

CD/TS/SO - **DREAM GIRLS:** PO Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C 5L7. Support group.

INTERNATIONAL

ARGENTINA

TS - **TRANSSEXUALS FOR THE RIGHT OF LIFE AND IDENTITY:** TRANSDEVI, Casilla de Correo 151, C.P. 1748 Gral. Rodriguez, Buenos Aires.

BRAZIL

TS - **PURPURINA (GLITTER) PROJECT:** Katia Monteiro, no. 55 Rua DA Gloria, #30, Gloria, Rio de Janeiro. Phone: 02-252-4757. FAX: 02-227-5944. Educational outreach. AIDS awareness, referrals.

AFRICA

NIGERIA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: c/o Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, PO Box 1006, OTA, OGUN STATE, WEST AFRICA.

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Self-criticism, self-awareness, self-respect and self-acceptance are all related to how we interact with others. As we attempt to find love, the idea of acceptance surfaces once again. Rather than concentrate upon being acceptable, we tend to spend our lives trying to please others. A girl may say, "I'll be a tomboy, because my dad wanted a boy, and this will make him love me more." The same little girl may grow up to become a corporate executive, because her dad has a higher respect for successful women. Many of our actions are directly related to having others accept us for WHO we are rather than accepting ourselves for WHAT we are. We have the misconceived idea that approval comes first from others. In truth, approval must start within. Understanding this concept will unlock the secret for acceptance, and this will ultimately lead to happiness. Walter Heiley described the process with these words: "Happiness is not created by what happens to us, but by our attitude toward each happening." With these words, Heiley has given us the secret for acceptance.

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PUERTO RICO (009-)

VANESSA DIANE S
(PR-M5582-K12287-80)
DWM, Hispanic, 33, 5'12", bilingual professional. Closet CD (limited experience), very shy (live with conservative parents), but able to meet you and travel any time. Love sports (SCUBA), makeup and lingerie. Seek supportive GG (preferred) or TV/TS to help with my femininity. Must be discreet. Will answer all.

APO (090-)

DONNA W.
(APO-M5600-K12394-80)
MWM bi, 53. Crossdressing since childhood. Second wife knows & helps. Cannot meet as I live & work outside the country. Mbr FIL for years. Like to write & will answer all.

MASSACHUSETTS (010-027)

SUSANA
MA-P-M0064-K0206-79
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature & clothing, especially lingerie. Would like to correspond with others with similar interests.

JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-80)
TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM, 70, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Go out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Make friends, but am on the quiet side, write to many other TVs. Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones & live full time as a woman.

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. Attended 60 weekends & 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room.

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-79)
Member of IFGE and INNvestments. Widowed WMCD, 74, 5'9", 185. Retired, good listener, honest & intelligent Pass well. Like photography, sailing gardening, good music raising butterflies. Would like contact with CDs in SE MA area.

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-80)
SWM TV, 60, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Like photography, treasure hunting, '40s &'50s music, dogs, nature, & being a lady. I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area.

SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-79)
SBiM TV, 40, 5'10", 165, easygoing, understanding, safe and discreet. I would like to correspond with TV/TSs and understanding ladies who would like to help with my femininity. I would also like to be a friend to someone who is going through transition.

MICHELLE WEST
(MA-M1486-K0842-79)
Yankee transplant has flourished in the Sunny South. Nourish my soul with books & music, my body with exercise, both with Tai Chi, & my bank account in the computer world. Lifelong CD, coming farther out by leaps & creeps. Will answer all. (No come-ons.)

JULIE WINSLOW
(MA-M1587-K0217-82)
MWM TG, 40. Member of INNvestments. Supportive wife to share wear with. Do not go out crossdressed except to meetings and such. Natural farmer, artist, activist.

DIANA J.
(MA-M1999-K140-83)
Have taken hormones for 20 years, did electrolysis myself, TS in feelings. I have bought merchandise for business as a woman. I love my femininity and always look forward to the next day as a lady.

BONNIE F.
(MA-P-M2020-K2429-79)
WMCD, late 40s, 6',165, size 14. Just moved to New England. Seeking new friends, CDs, women. Music lover (classical, blues, jazz), nonsmoker, feel of satin, swish of nylons against full petticoats, sensuality of slim skirts/lingerie. Travel, romance, dating, dancing, sincere, caring relationship with other sisters.

JOY SPENCER
(MA-M2530-K3700-79)
MWM, mid-40s. Wife knows & we are working on it. After such a long time hiding, I am cautiously & slowly coming out. Would appreciate helping words or hand from someone further along the path. Prefer central MA.

KAREN F.
(MA-P-M2725-K4383-80)
MWM, hetero CD, 6', 200. Dressing for years, but only recently ventured out with the help of friends. Love to dress up in soft feminine skirts, but don't get enough opportunity. Love lingerie and petticoats. Developing poise and confidence. Non-supportive wife. Your pix brings mine.

KAY LEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-79)
WM, TV, 6', 190. Wife knows, wants nothing to do with it. Wouldn't pass in a dark room. I just know how I feel when dressed. I love it all, and it makes me feel good, comfortable, relaxed. Therapy to accept myself didn't really work. I may feel guilty even after a lifetime of dressing. Need an outlet for the real me.

BOBBIE SOKOLOWSKI
(MA-P-M3869-K426-82)
I'm Bobbie, attractive, clean TV, easy going, open, mature, warm, lonely, seeking a deep relationship with a very attractive, tall clean, fit non- or very light smoker/drinker bi-W female or TV/TS with same qualities. Let's meet together with our love of femininity. Berkshire County area. Photo/phone.

CAROLYNNE K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-83)
TCNE, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, Narcissist, transcendentalist; cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, homemaking, dressing & engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, & secure social interaction. Single, await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender.

LAWRENCE C.
(MA-P-M4381-K5124-81)
Age 63-years young. Vegetarian for 15 years, but I do eat some fish. Like classical music, the outdoors & cooking. Interested in the arts & very feminine women. Looking for a close friendship with same interests. Have just moved to the east coast & starting life over again.

JOSEPHINE B.
(MA-M5544-K12262-81)
SWM, 59, 5'11", 205. Like to hear from mature CDs in SE Mass & nearby RI. Non-passable. Love dressing at home.

PAULA B.
(W-MA-P-M5571-K1985-85)
Member of Sunshine Club. Would

ELAINE MONROE
(NJ-M3637-K7810-80)
Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG community. Goal to help others out of closets, & to help the TGs legally & socially. Want to network with those with similar goals.

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-85)
Mbr of Renaissance. Attend many events. 5'9", 155 lb., very smooth, SWM TV, live alone, mature professional. Only hobby is being feminine. Love to entertain & share girl things. Love going out to have fun. I correspond lots & answer all sooner or later. Pictures help.

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-80))
MWM, hetero, 6'1", 200, blue eyes. SO has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which hurts. Crossdressed since age five with mom's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed as the person I want to be. Will answer all. Photo nice.

CAROL ANN LEE
(NJ-P-M4245-K9528-80))
Member: 1FGE(Supp.), Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho(Pres.), Editor of 'News Briefs' Renaissance, AEGIS, Pres. of Greater New York Gender Alliance. Attended '94 Holiday En Femme. Married, hetero, 52, 5'8", 170, supportive wife and three daughters. Dressing since a very tender age. Enjoy going to cultural events, concerts, dinner and, of course, shopping. Used to correspond extensively, but increased responsibilities have slowed replies to almost a complete stop.

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-P-M4719-K10436-86)
Just recently came out & loving every minute. 5'6", 140. Like photography & music. Want to help sisters with photos. Love being a girl & look forward to meeting other girls like me. Want to hear from you.

JAKE L.
(NJ-P-M4993-K10734-84)
Romantic, educated, professional gentleman, 30s, 6', 180, admirer. Seek caring friendship with TS or feminine TG person 21-45. Understanding and supportive of gender issues. Enjoy shopping, fun times & cozy nights. Travel extensively.

SISSY L.
(NJ-M5268-K11129-79)
DWM, hetero, submissive, 47. Seek correspondence and possible relationship with S/DWF any age. I like to wear panties, pantyhose, stockings, garter belts, and girdles. Would like to learn how to walk in heels. Will answer all letters from any females. Only answer men who were caught dressed by spouse.

DONNA WALSH
(NJ-M5459-K11222-79)
5'9", 150#, single, sincere, sensitive. Gender aware since childhood. Uncertain of final destination, but sure I am not yet there. Recently returned home after five years in Texas. Well educated, seeking new career opportunities. Enjoy sailing, reading, music, off beat movies and film festivals, travel. Seeking correspondence/friendship with old and new friends.

BRANDY LEE
(NJ-P-M5491-K10141-80))
Although male by birth, I am female by nature and love being a woman. I seek a slender M2F TG with long hair, age range 18-35. Let's explore our female selves together.

JILL ANGELIQUE JARIS
(NJ-P-M5817-K10072-82)
40-year-old TG. Plan to have legal name change and begin to live full time as a woman sometime in 1997. Love to receive mail from TV/TS/TG sisters. Will answer all.

NANCY F.
(NJ-P-M6219-K13727-81)
MWM, 50, 5'8". Mbr: 1FGE, CDI, Tri-Ess. Love dressing up, dining out, Broadway shows, fishing, hunting. I love lingerie, hose, high heels, and felling feminine. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship. Pleas write and include your photo.

NEW YORK (090-149)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-99)
Mbr Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically & culturally oriented. Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence.

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-79)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Like clean-cut clothes & tall heels. Loves to correspond. If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly.

TAMMY D.
(NY-M0775-K0522-79)
MWM, 6'1". Would like to write to and meet others interested in CD. Would like someone to make me more passable.

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K555-84)6)
Mbr Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, & being outdoors. I love the fun part of the scene, derive a lot of pleasure from it.

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-79)
46-y/o CD, attorney, divorced, but recently (re)married a beautiful and supportive lady who gives Vickie emotional support and fashion assistance. Vickie also enjoys songwriting, plays guitar and bass, loves country music. Member LIFE, former member Chi Delta Mu. Former Editor *LIFElines*. Other commitments keep me from being as active as I'd like at the present time.

BONNIE HOWARD
(NY-M1186-K0655-79)
Size 10, TG businesswoman. Single, well adjusted woman who carries herself with pride & confidence. Silks & suits or shirts & sweats. Welcome to my world.

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-82)
SWM, 5'10", 185, 54. Interested in outdoors, reading and fishing. Love the total feminine look. Trying to pass. Interested in corresponding and meeting all, especially in southern tier NY, NE PA. Discreet.

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-75)
DWM, 44, 180, TV, strong TS feelings. Love to dress in the more conservative styles. Love the feeling of being a girl. Enjoy computing, playing the keyboard and listening to music. Like to start going out more in the Southern NY and Hudson Valley area.

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-84))
Mbr of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. Donahue Show, National Gender Lobby Day '95, TG facilitator LGBT Conference '96 at SUNY Albany, graduate student/writer/LGBT activist. Love music, comedy and my softer side.

ROBYN LATHROP
(NY-P-M2361-K3078-80)
Trying to accept that femininity is an important part of my life. I'd like to hear from people who have successfully blended in as women. Would like to learn about the teenage and childhood experiences of others, too.

JENNIFER B.
(NY-P-M2441-K3429-79)
MWM with supportive wife, member Eulenspiegel Society. Seek meetings and correspondence with TV/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Interested in psychology, metaphysics and fashions. Would love to hear from you.

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-82)
SWM, hetero CD. Enjoy the prissy feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, & party dresses. Still looking for one understanding gender woman in my life.

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-79)
Mbr of Tri-Ess.

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-80))
MWM, 5'6", size 10, supportive SO. Enjoy shopping, correspondence, photo exchange. "Joy is where the inner femininity finds expression in the outside world."

KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-P-M2974-K5110-82)
5'13" single businesswoman. TG. 49 and going into holding. Officer Buffalo Belles. Happy to help new comers into our world. Interested in CD/TS gold tournament summer '97. Any other hackers out there?

BRENDA VEE
(LI NY-P-M3089-K595-808)
Mbr: LIFE/B of D. Outreach Drctr, Fantasia Fair '93, '94, '95. SWTG, 45. Sensitive to the TG community & feel bond to all. Striving for personal best. Supportive SO. Like cooking, dining, fashion & makeup, pen pals & sincere, open-minded people. Love to help new people.

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-79)
Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. Would like to hear from people who live on the eastern end of Long Island.

JODIE H.
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-81)
Hi! Enjoying the transgender world out and about. Married and making it all work. (Lucky!) Like to meet everybody. Be proud. Keep your

chin up and your nails polished. Have a great day.

ED W.
(NY-P-M3839-K6786-79)
SBM, 38, 6', 240. Strong, silent type residing on Long Island seeks an attractive local TV/TS/CD to become my main squeeze! Correspondence welcome.

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-79)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu. Love to dress & have been going out in public the last two years. Would like to correspond & meet with other TVs in area north of NYC. I am a NYC computer & math teacher.

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-80)
Single, 50, 5'7", 175, hetero. Interested in finding female friends; men for dating and TS companionship. Currently on hormones. Kind of shy and need support to move on in my TS life. I like mostly everything and want to have fun, but not anything sexual. Will answer all gladly with photo, please.

CHRISSY S.
(NY-P-M5195-K11530-82)
SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 47, engineer. Enjoy travel, theater, electronics, fashion and shopping. Outgoing with great sense of humor, but very discreet about crossdressing. Prefer the professional career-girl look and the very feminine look. Interested in meeting women from NYC area for friendship/relationship.

ANGEL L.
(NY-M5222-K4611-85)
SWF, caring, pretty, funny, honest (30s), marriage/friendship-minded, monogamous, moralistic, romantic, spiritual, understanding. Seek same: hetero SWM, CD, 30s, (NO smoke/drink/drugs/promiscuity) even-tempered, non-abusive, 5, 6. Love comedy, culture, dining, fifties, fun, music, theater, etc.

TERI SHANNON
(NY-P-M5339-K5768-82)
Single, sane lovable, young for 40s, pre-op M-FTS with vivid imagination seeks Mr. Right for romantic candle-lit evenings, possibly longer. Well built 30-40s gentleman must appreciate unbridled femininity and support my quest to lose remaining inhibitions. Shapely, 5'10", 165. Not a good correspondent, will travel northern NY. Photo appreciated.

CLEO JONES
(NY-P-M5376-K2860-79)
MWM, hetero, 60+, 5'9". Mbr Buffalo Belles. Rochester CD Network. Crossdressing since childhood. Wife negative and unaware of my TV life. Love to dress and be feminine. Looking for someone in my area for conversation. Can't afford separate apartment for Cleo. Will answer letters.

JUDY M.
(NY-M5594-K12374-81)
MWM mature CD who wishes to remain in the closet. Interested in acting out fantasies including soft bondage and role playing.

PHYLLIS MOONLADY.
(NY-P-M5622-K10729-80)
TV, single, 60, 5'11", 160. Pink lingerie lover. Seek F-M, dominant, high testosterone women, dominant M-F or kind, virile, potent admirer 50-70. Am intellectual, domestic. Be disease-free and love sissies. All answered. Please write. Desperate for love.

CHRISTY-LYNN B.
(NY-P-M5738-K12693-81)
MWM, 42, 5'7", 130. Slim TV who luxuriates in femme side. Interested in meeting sincere TV/CDs who like quiet evenings, good conversation or socializing with other sisters. Love art, music and just having fun in life. Starting electrolysis. Some travel. Send photo with letter.

DEBBIE F.
(NY-P-M5798-K6076-82)
Mbr TGIC in Albany. Interested in friendship or possible relationship. Would like to talk or correspond. I'm 43, big and easy going. Like trains, car racing, and videotaping nature and other interesting events.

WENDI R.
(NY-P-M5816-K0336-86)
45, 5'8", hetero CD 150, 36-29-38. Closet CD, love to come out, but wife will not understand. Love everything feminine. CD since 12 years old. Love to pass, but I don't think I can. Shy, discreet.

DANA D.
(NY-P-M5977-K9361-79)
Tall, retired, lifelong CD. Member Buffalo Belles and Rochester CD Network. Attended Riverside '94, '96. Dressing since age 12. Married over 30 years to understanding spouse. Enjoy photography, boating, model building. OJ trial addict. Conservative dresser a la JC Penney, but special passion for swimwear.

STEPHANIE ANNE SUMMERS
(NY-M5997-K12955-79)
DWM, 45, CD in closet, reaching out for the first time. Would like to correspond with other CDs.

ANA HUNT
(NY-P-M6041-K13138-79)
Biological female using makeup, clothes to facilitate M-F and F-M CD since early '70s. Member of leather community versed in roleplay, fetish. A respected domina for correspondence and professional training. Individuals, couples. New York and California.

BOB N.
(NY-M6094-K13310-79)
SWM (40s, hetero until now) would like to meet a pretty, petite/slender CD/TS. Passable would be nice, but it's okay if you're still working on it. My area (Syracuse) would be ideal, but travel might be possible, particularly to some place warm. My fantasy is to be her first man. Interested?

DONNA BLISS
(NY-P-M6115-K13372-79)
Bi, single and anxious to become what I feel I am. Need accepting F and sisters in my life. Love lingerie, photography, sailing. Need new friends. Love to correspond, meet and share photos. Need help since this is new for me.

DIANE DEVERE
NY-P-M6240-K13802-81)
DWM, CD 5'11", 39. Author and full time student. Mbr LIFE. Interests include psychology, paganism, mythology, shamanism, fitness, astronomy, transgenderism. New to the scene. Looking for supportive, open-minded sisters fro friendship and correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-79)
Mbr of TransPitt, Cross Roads, TCNE.

ALISON LAING
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-99)
Co-Founder, past National Director Renaissance. Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '94, '95, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92. Mbr of AEGIS Board of Directors. Trinity Award 1994. Interested in Native American traditions & community building as related to transgenderism. Love fine dining, good wine, art, crafts, antiques, theatre & travel.

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-1880-79)
Mbr TransPitt, Erie Sisters. 5'10", 180, red hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. Looking for males for escorts, CDs to go out with, etc. Nothing bizarre, please.

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-82)
SWM hetero CD. Enjoy dressing in full petticoats & square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter.

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-79)
MWM, 41, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, & high heels. Married to accepting & helpful wife. I'm a novice, & have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships.

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-83)
5'11", 165, CD with strong TS tendencies. Now 40-something. I paint, play guitar and am struggling with computers. I enjoy jazz and rock, and occasionally classical music. I am a poor correspondent due to my heavy schedule.

JENNY W.
(PA-P-M2891-K4869-80)
Single CD, 34, 5'6", 140. Passing & feeling wonderful in Philadelphia. Professional, fun & outgoing with diversified interests. Would love to hear from all sincere, especially an understanding female for friendship/relationship. I travel a little. Talk to you soon!

DIANE DALE
(PA-P-M4229-K7136-80)
Member Renaissance, attend Paradise in the Poconos; MWM, hetero. Enjoy music, photography, shopping, aviation, and clubbing. Wife tolerant but not participating. Have a relatively normal life-style. Dress only a few times a year. Love to have fun, but nothing too extreme. Will answer all.

D. MCKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-81)
Mbr TransPitt, Tri-Ess. 5'11', 145, 10. Presentable, single, progressive, hetero 'Dresser,' organizer of Travelers Express, a central PA group of confident out folks in 100% public places. NOT cross or trans. GGs always welcome. Femme photo gets response. Accept and enjoy who you are without shame.

CHARLES M.
(PA-M4774-K10509-82)
SW M-F hetero CD, 5'10", 260, Mbr TCNE. Like to help hetero F2M CDs discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Central NJ. Helps if you like Japanese & Chinese cuisine.

ELLEN S.
(PA-P-M5319-K11011-82)

SWM, 46, Bi-TV. Been crossdressing since my teens. Like to be out of the closet more, but fear I would not pass. Like to write & meet other TV/TS/CDs for friendship or relationship. Love wigs, makeup & being feminine. Discreet. Will try to answer all.

RHONDA STEVENS
(PA-M6031-K13101-79)
DWM, bi-TV, 55, 6'1" part-time dresser, full time TV admirer. Would love to hear from my bi sisters. Looking for a relationship with the right bi-TV woman. Love wearing panties, bras and spike high heels. Love that feeling of being a woman. Your photo a real plus.

WILMA G.
(PA-M6042-K13139-79)
DWM, 60, bi-TV. Been crossdressing since age 12. Like to write, meet and visit with other CD/TVs for friendship or relationship. Inexperienced in makeup, nails, etc. Would like to date and dance as Wilma.

DELAWARE (197-199)

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-P-M0931-K0742-79)
Gracious lady active in Tri-Ess, IFGE, Renaissance Mtgs. Photographed TCNE's Awards Banquets '90-'94. Married to an understanding, beautiful & gracious SO. Self-employed, often dress at home & office, dine out dressed. Electrolysis completed. Sail, pilot, Church. Reside in S. Del. All answered.

BRENDA LYNN GRAY
(DE-P-M5215-K2009-82)
Single CD, 5'7", sz 8. Mbr Renaissance. Comfortable with my male & fem self. Love going out dressed. Enjoy making friends. Like to hear from sisters. Photo appreciated.

ELIZABETH C.
(DE-P-M5733-K12679-85)
MWM, 38, 6', 175. Have been crossdressing for 10+ years. Wife very supportive. Looking for other married or single CDs to be friends with and go out socially. Enjoy boating, model railroading and sexy clothing. All answered.

MARYLAND (026-218)

ANN MILLER
(MD-M2776-K4606-82)
45-year-old CD, TS wannabe, friendly, affectionate, passable on a good day. Available for. . . I don't know. I'd like to hear from soul mates of like mind. Photo, please.

STEPHANIE G.
(MD-M2847-K3353-81)
Lifelong TV-TG fetishist. Have extensive library which I've maintained for 28 years: TV-TS material. Married with understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!

KATHERINE HUNT
(MD-M4905-K10858-80)
MWM, mature tall bi-CD. SO not completely understanding of CD life-style. However, I love every minute of my other life. Interests are stock market, golf, history and the outdoors. Also, lingerie and all that is feminine. Would love to hear from other CDs in the MD/DC area.

VIKKI W.
(MD-P-M5392-K1003-79)
CD, 5'11", 45+. After a lifetime of suppression, repression, and depression, Vikki is finally emerging from her secret closet. She would love to communicate with anyone interested in sharing similar experiences and feelings.

PAULA D.
(MD-M5543-K11918-80)
Crossdresser, 43 years old, 5'11", 170#. Widowed with three-year-old son. Like a butterfly emerging from my cocoon and loving life. Love to shop, watch movies, nature walks, personal development. No problem with going out or staying in. ISO correspondents and friendship. The truth will set us free.

TOM D.
(MD-M5750-K12704-81)
TV from early childhood. I enjoy all that is feminine. Age 64, pass for early 50s. Onto yachting, fishing and enjoying people. Looking for other TVs and women in the surrounding states. Will answer all.

MARK O.
(MD-M613I-K13441-80)
Sincere, honest, discreet, very handsome professional DWM, 5'10", 165, seeking TV or pre/post-op TS for dating or LTR. Live alone in my own home. If you would like to spend a week or a lifetime as a woman, please write.

VIRGINIA (220-246)

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-82)
Mbr of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. Enjoy meeting, corresponding with TVs.

JAYNE MACK
(VA-M1206-K0748-80)
WM, bi, 50s. Feminine side been closeted too long. Now eager to learn and experience all. Would love to hear from sisters, women and men who can help. Love books, writing, jazz, computers and sexy lingerie.

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-81)
40, 6', 190, green eyes. Interested in photography, exchanging photos. Try to be a good correspondent, not always successful. Enjoy meeting others. Always trying to be better. Advice welcome.

KIMBERLY C.
(N VA-P-M2309-K2981-82)
TG. Have been crossdressing for 40 years. Last attended Southern Comfort 1994. Mbr Virginia's Secret, TGEA. Will exchange experiences of coming out to family & business associates. Will answer all.

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DON C.
(VA-M4284-K1425-80)
AM, 5'9", 168, desire to meet personable TV/TS for friendship, etc. Travel mid-Atlantic region from VA to NY regularly. Photo/phone desired. Discretion assured. Let's meet and enjoy life.

DAVE B.
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Bi-MWM, 43, 6', 180, blonde, blue eyes. Considered handsome with a warm and friendly disposition. Travel US, Canada and overseas. Wish to meet a TV/TS who desires a special relationship. Full of fun and mutual respect. Photo with your response appreciated.

BARBARA K.
(VA-P-M5377-K10458-79)
WM bi-CD, retired. Enjoy fem side, esp. high heels, nylons & sexy lingerie. Likes: fine music, wine & cooking. Love to dress. Want to correspond & meet with TGs. Send photo.

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(VA-P-M5553-K5080-80)
MGM-TV interested in drag shows and joining a TV/TS support group. 23- years -old, 155#. Would like to meet FIs to help me with getting into the drag performance business. Photos exchanged. Love to write.

SEANNA HIDEGARD
(VA-M5956-K8518-86)
Married CD, hetero, non-approving wife. Would like to be in touch with others in my area in same circumstances. Love lingerie most. Very closeted.

JUNE GRILLS
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WESTVIRGINIA (246-268)

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-M3393-K6842-79)
Debbie is in her 40s, 5'6", has an understanding wife, and is passable. Debbie is a member of IFGE, Tri-Ess, Cofounder of WV's first support group, and is currently the President and Founder of The Valley Girls (TVG), a new support group in Charleston, the state capital.

STEVIE LYNN
(WV-P-M5769-K12733-82)
Single CD, TS tendencies, 40s, 5'9", 162. Pass fairly well. Television engineer, rock singer, song-writer, musician. (Rabid Stevie Nicks fan.) Small home studio. Several gender songs. Trying for mainstream music success as a woman. Need help with feminine singing voice. Speaking voice okay. Know any record producers?

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

FRANCES T.
(NC-P-M1245-K0823-82)
Mbr TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines & dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent.

RACHEL M.
(NC-M2272-K2848-80)
Continue to thrill at the joy of dressing. Never been out. Still too intimidated to share with the world. Wife knows and supports me because I have become more comfortable. Would love to share with you. I promise to write back.

PAMELA ROGERS
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EMMA S.
(NC-P-M4864-K6443-79)
Emma took an ax and gave her closet door 40 whacks. When she had done, in came a ray of sun. I'm 35, SWM, bi-tendencies, 265, out with public, not with family. Searching for friends. Prefer '50s glamour look, especially gowns foundation garments (collector), and cigarette holders. Please write.

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A.G.
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WM, 38, 5'11" 170#. Seek feminine, passable TV/TS for friendship and possible relationship in NC. Educated professional desires that special someone who wants to be totally treated as a lady. Willing to host. Photo phone gets reply.

RACHEL K.
(NC-P-M6214-KI3714-81)
SWM CD, 5'10" 170. Love dressing and sexy lingerie. Would love to meet sisters in the triangle area or surrounding states. Will respond to all. Can travel.

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

BOBBI ANN B.
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WM, hetero CD. Looking to get out of the closet. Love everything feminine: hose, heels, etc. Need someone to help push me out of closet, but be helpful also. CD since 12. Dress at home. Girls, this girl needs help!

TRISH J.
(SC-M4698-K9264-82)
MWM TV, 36, 190, 5'10", size 16. Seeking others in upper SC or western NC. Would love to write, talk & maybe meet other sisters. Dressing since early teens. Wife supportive and understands my need to be me. Working on that passing thing we all worry about.

GEORGIA (300-319)

LEE D.
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VANESSA S.
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PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-81)
Member Tau Lambda, IFGE, AEGIS. Married, 6'2", 190, 41. Feel like life is just beginning. I am working hard to understand where I am going on this glorious gender journey. Interested in hearing from others in the N FL/S GA area.

CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-KI0I0-83)
Member Crossport, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group.

JEAN RICH
(FL-P-M2824-K4690-86)
Lecturer, star of stage shows, HBO special, All dressed and nowhere to go. Look forward to meeting people interested in photography, stocks, travel and dancing. Hetero, 5'8". Send photo for return response.

DAWN ELIZABETH E.
(FL-P-M5353-K2034-82)
Would enjoy hearing from other TS girls in S FL. In transition and would like to have a friend to guide me. Will answer all promptly!

JAMIE L.
(FL-P-M5405-K2096-79)
MW TV, mid-40s, 5'7", 145 lbs. Wife totally supportive, understanding and active participant in femme persona fascination and desires. Recently moved to Orlando area. Interested in meeting and socializing with other TVs or couples. Travel up and down the east coast.

NANCY McDERMOTT
(FL-P-M5456-KI0695-79)
MWM, hetero TV, wife knows. Want to write/visit like-minded TGs/couples. Can travel state. Contemporary dresser, average looks. Will answer all & would like to be a woman with you & will share costs. I don't drink/drug/smoke.

ERIN ANN EDWARDS
(FL-M5465-KI1860-79)
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MICHELLE PHILLIPS
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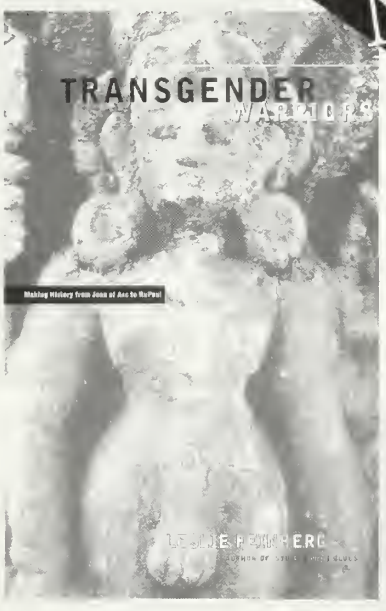

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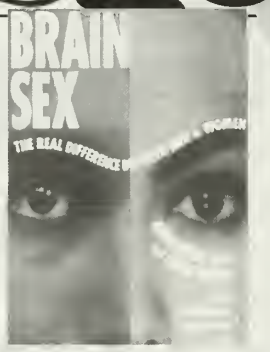

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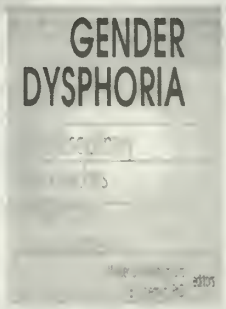

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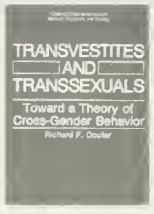

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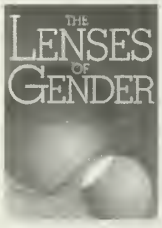

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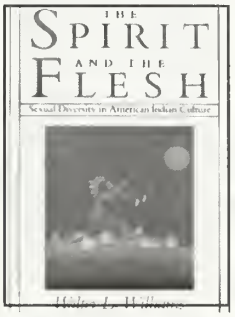

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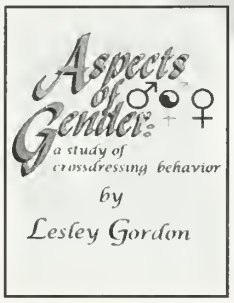

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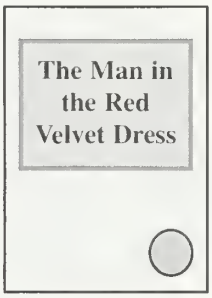

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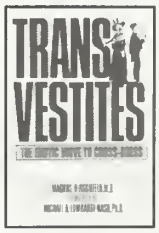

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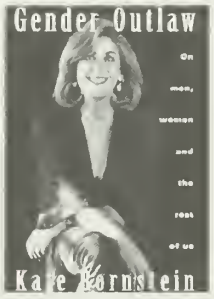

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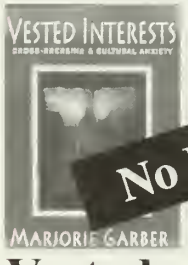

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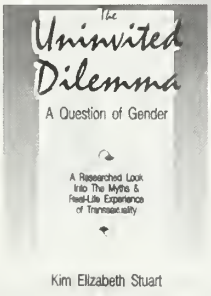

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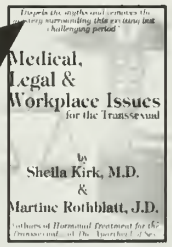

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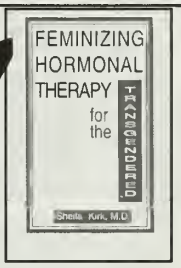

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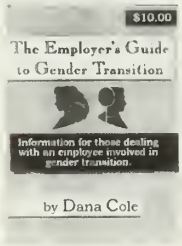

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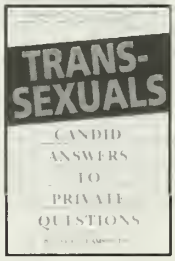

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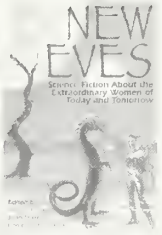

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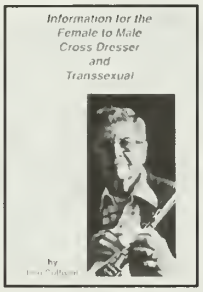

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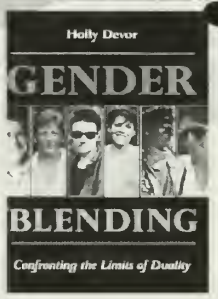

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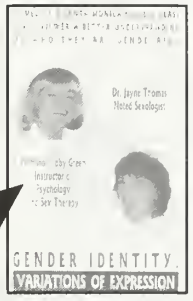

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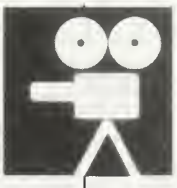

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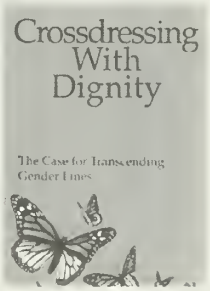

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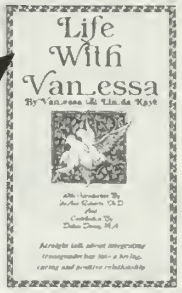

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FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-K1016-79)
Retired, living in small town. Interested in senior citizens pre-op or post-op. Willing to help novice. On hormones and coming out of the closet.

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S-OH-P-M0954-K1005-81)
Mbr Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, & Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an A wife. An original organizer of Paradise. I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, girl talk, & picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40s.

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-80)
Divorced, hetero CD, 6', 185. Mbr Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Enjoy fishing, camping, & old movies. Dress anytime I can, absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area & feel alone & frustrated, maybe I can help. Discreet.

DIANE M.
(OH-P-M2212-K2660-81)
SWM, 41, tall, thin, shy, hetero TV with very strong TS tendencies. Love everything about being a woman. Would like to correspond with other TSs, pre- or post-op, and genetic females for help with my femininity.

LAURA A. SIMS
(OH-P-M3956-K6882-82)
DWM, mbr Cincinnati CrossPort, Atlanta Sigma Epsilon. Active in local theater arts in administrative capacity. Hobbies are aviation, ornithology and, of course, CD. Like girl talk, organized activities and dining out. Enjoy corresponding with other girls and will reply. PROMISE!

DANIEL G.
(OH-M4310-K9245-80)
Age 33, looking for friends in the Akron, Canton or Cleveland area with same interests. Mbr Paradise Club. Sure could use some friends! Thanks!

DENISE DAWSON
(OH-P-M4746-K8130-86)
Mbr paradise Club. attended dozens of conventions. Miss Femininity '93. single CD 39, 5'7", 132. Very passable & love fooling general public, although sometimes chicken. Interested in getting together with other very passable CD/TSs & GGs for good times. Your photo gets mine. Understanding GG desired for quality relationship.

KAREN S.
(OH-M5873-K2386-82)
MWM, curious, shy, a bit scared. Would like to correspond with others who have supportive wives. I still live in secrecy. I will return all photos sent, and try to reply to all correspondence. Looking for friendship first.

KATHY GREY
(OH-P-M5044-K6767-80)
New mbr Crossport. MWM, CD/TV, 49, 6', 170, 14/16 (38-30-38) black hair, brown eyes. Wife doesn't know. Wish to correspond with all. Interested in all things feminine. Must be discreet. Want friends to share & learn makeup, dress, poise, voice. Want to dress with girls. Love lingerie. Working on photo.

ANTHONY LEWIS
(OH-M5128-K1118-79)
MWM. This longtime admirer of the transgendered would like to correspond with TV/TSs seeking male pen-pals, and to meet with a passable TV/TS interested in a closer relationship. Would like to find one special friend. I live in Medina County, will travel within 150-mile radius. Discretion is assured, expected.

JILL AMBROSE
(OH-P-M5627-K7653-85)
Mbr Crossport. Hetero, married CD. Out of closet at Be All '95. Flew en femme to '96 Texas T Party. Attended '96 Holiday En Femme. Travel en femme frequently. Love to meet other TGs. Interests include country & western music, photography & railroads.

INDIANA (463-479(

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Finance Committee. Lifetime Mbr IXE. IFGE Trinity Award '91. Friendly, sincere individual who enjoys people involved in gender issues.

EDIE S.
(IN-M3329-K6627-82)
Mbr IXE, WM CD, gemini. Just coming out, easy going, very sincere individual who enjoys all people involved in gender issues. Power walker. Body fitness & excersise are my lifestyle. Many hobbies, gourmet cooking, bird watcher, beer maker. Love all kinds of music. Write me soon.

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-80)
MWM, non-supportive wife, mature, advanced CD. Mbr Tri-Ess, IXE & CIGA. Interested in writing, music, history, bicycling & tennis. Loving, enthusiastic & committed, but also prudent. Eager to help others in our lovely community. Will answer all letters. Photo if possible.

RACHEL L.
(IN-P-M4549-K9772-78)
Early thirties, shapely, passable & sincere CD. Dressing since age 16, out in public since 19. Enjoy the career look, makeup & fun looking outfits. Published in magazines worldwide. Dressing allows me to better express the feminity within me. It's just plain fun. Drop me a line.

CHERYL T.
(IN-M4766-K6251-78)
DWM, 50s, 5'8", 165, TG. Having returned in '94 to my home after many years living in California, am now in the TG Community for correspondence & conversation. You write & I will answer.

MICHIGAN (480-499)

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-75)
Transgender supporter of Be All, 12 years. Photography, motorcycle hobby, college lecturer, Crossroads past officer.

JENNIFER ANN NELSON
(SE MI-P-M1165-K1050-81)
5'11", 170, reddish brown hair, blue eyes, TS. What a beautiful exploration this has been. Though I cannot be Jennifer all the time, those times that I am are special and have taught me to move in this world accepted as a woman.

MARCIA ANN T.
(MI-P-M1871-K2173-79)
Mbr IFGE, Cross Roads of MI, Tri-Ess. Mature lady passing in public for over 50 years. Dependable correspondent. Pleased to share my experiences and advice with all who wish help. Reside in tri-city area and south Florida.

MARCIA K.
(S MI-P-M2719-K4382-80)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. Enjoy golf, boating, travel & having a good time. Love pierced earrings, shoes & good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area to meet & go out.

DIANE REED
(MI-M3740-K8200-85)
Some see things as they are and ask, Why? I see things as they could be and ask, Why not? TG, visionary, seeks mutually supportive dialog with sisters aspiring to or having successfully combined avocations, activism into full life's work.

JANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-79)
SWM, born 1947, hetero CD, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping & enjoy wearing women's clothes. I am slowly slipping out of the closet & undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond & meet other CDs & females who understand CDs.

MICHELLE WILSON
(MI-P-M5098-K11064-81)
MWM TV with strong TS tendencies. Seek others for correspondence, friendship and adventure. 5'10" and becoming a shapely 14/16 gal. Interests: quality management, electronics, vintage aircraft, camping and backpacking. Love to meet others and be escorted shopping, dining, movies, etc.

SUZY D.
(MI-P-M5154-K11385-82)
Mbr Crossroads. 40s, 5'6", 140. Very feminine, passable CD who loves being a lady in all respects. Would like very much to correspond with sisters & gentlemen interested in our special world. Will respond to all!

CHARLOTTE YATES
(MI-M5445-K12696-82)
I am a member of Cross Roads, but not active. I have just started into transgender interests this last year. I'm not sure what interest I will have.

FRAN C.
(MI-P-M5813-K8743-82)
Tall, mbr Cross Roads, near Detroit. I have been out for about 4 years. I look good as a female. Open to new things. Not afraid of a challenge. It makes life worth living. Single and employed. Late 40s, in good health and very discreet. Love heels. I go out a lot and enjoy life a lot. Love to have fun.

IOWA (500-528)

MICHELLE SCHEMANN
(IA-P-M5117-K11112-81)
MWM, 5'6", 150. Novice CD maybe Bi. Blessed with natural girlish figure. Finally exploring my femme self. Eager to share all aspects of feminine mystique & transformation. Have ventured out dressed. Looking for girlfriend to share ideas, experiences, fantasies, photos, etc.

WISCONSIN (530-548)

LESLEY ANN SKOJEN
(WI-M3018-K5042-79)
44, 6'4", 190, CD with strong TS feelings. Dress in conservative fashions as often as possible. Would prefer to live in female gender. Still in closet. Interests include shopping for women's clothes, bicycling, music, movies, woodworking, auto racing. Searching for understanding woman. Seeking correspondence/meeting with TV/TS women.

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-82)
There's nothing more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this, constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond & be friends, too.

JAMI B.
(WI-M3456-K7120-79)
Transgendered/transsexual. Parent, spouse, friend, nurturer, professional. Still learning to love what I love. Grateful for life. I value growth, wisdom, simplicity, laughter, music, dancing, the beauty of community. Trying to live in integrity and joy.

CATHY A. BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-85)
Single, 5'9", 160, 39 and holding. Caring sensitive, been CD since early childhood. Completely enjoy and am proud of my feminine self. Would like to correspond/meet with sincere others for letter and photo exchange, girl talk, fashion, public outings, photography and mutual support.

LAURA B.
(WI-NP-M4513-K5814-81)
5'6", 170, blue eyes. Mbr Tri-ess Chi Chapter & Gemini Gender Group. Just started to go out dressed in public. What a great feeling! Pass with no problem. Looking for friends for outings to help improve my femme self. Tired of hiding.

KATHERINE MARIE
(WI-P-M4973-K8323-80)
Eclectic M to F TV. Former photojournalist, rodeo hand and restaurateur. Insatiable history buff, voracious reader, incurable romantic. Closeted by family ties and economic necessity. Looking to escape. Starved for correspondence and companionship. Need help with makeup and hair. How do women do it?

SANDY PINT
(WI-M5003-K8284-80)
I am becoming more accepting of the crossdressing part of who I am. Want to develop more fully both masculine and feminine sides, and then integrate both into a meaningful whole person. Would like help in that process.

RANDY D
(WI-M5124-K11175-81)
DWM, 5'7", 120. Creative skilled craftsman. Enjoy woodwrking, art, antiques, auto racing. Lifelong TG feelings. Bi-curious. Dress every day. Finally able to be who I was meant to be. Looking for friendships or more & help coming out from GG or TG. Entertain at home. Photo appreciated.

HEATHER ANNE NAPIER
(WI-P-M5539-K12153-80)
Divorced pre-op TS, mbr Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, IFGE, longtime gender blender. Live as F, work mostly as M. Frequent travel, some international, for employer. Share both of me with friends, neighbors, coworkers. Enjoy a quiet life with a major cat. Slow but happy to correspond.

DANA S.
(WI-M6197-K13217-80)
Looking for a she-male to be my wife, age 30-56. I am 25 years old. Black she-males only need apply. Please send photo.

MINNESOTA 550-567)

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-80)
Married CD with supportive, loving spouse. Author of two published books on CD and Christian spirituality. Strongly desire communication with others interested in developing a specifically transgender-based Christian theology, working toward a ministry meeting the many and diverse spiritual needs of the transgendered community.

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-79)
Director, Gender Education Center; VP, CLCC; Exec. Board, Lambda Justice Center. Married CD, 5'9", 12/14. Love being feminine & have fully accepted my feminine self. In public often. Direct extensive outreach and traing programs. Present at universities, medical and professional groups. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, computing and SHOPPING.

DOUG D.
(MN-M6224-K13730-81)
Educated, employed SWM, 30s, 190#, B/B, NS, LD, interested in film, literature, arts and more. Seeking TS women for friendship and possible LTR who is attractive, feminine, romantic and passionate about intelligent investigation of the world around her.

NORTH DAKOTA (580-588)

LAURIE C.
(ND-P-M4152-K8934-79)
Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde country girl. Educated retired professional who enjoys gardening, cooking, & computers. On hormones, but still spend some time as a male. Still deciding on a future path. Being somewhat geographically isolated, I would welcome any correspondence on CD/TG issues.

ILLINOIS (600-629)

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-80)
Officer: CIGA. CD, Mbr: CGS, IXE. Married (with children), 5'11", birth year 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, spective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, infrequent correspondent. Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism.events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style & confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other TG/ladies who understand.

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-81)
Lifelong TV, married to a very understanding, beautiful lady. Enjoy all things feminine, especially very elegant gowns and party dresses. Satin and lace are so divine. Wishing to correspond and meet other sisters and couples who are comfortable with this life-style. Can entertain and meet in the Midwest.

HEDY H.
(IL-P-M3569-K7483-79)
Stylish, mature TV wants well-groomed, nonsmoking beau or lipstick bi-lady for special friendship. I live alone, pass beautifully (see previous ads) wherever I please — club, museum, tea room, mall—and will meet Saint Louis business traveler. Scintillating letter/photo gets quick answer. I promise! Ciao!

JULIE ANN P.
(IL-M3962-K5840-81)
MWM, 5'9, 185. Interested in sporting events, fishing, women's fashions. Wife understands, but is not supportive. I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It helps me relax.

PAMELA ELAINE TRACY
(IL-P-M4904-K10896-79)
5'10", 165, 39 (and holding), hazel eyes, friendly. Interested in reading, all sports, woodworking, movies. Placing this listing to establish correspondence with other TV/CDs & women who love them. Love dressing sexy (in leather skirts, heels, seamed hose) or in fashionable business-woman look. Passion for sexy lingerie. Please write & include your photo.

JANE WHITNEY
(IL-M5031-K9199-81)
My life is flourishing and contented with five decades of the gift of femininity. Beginning at age, by curiosity was carefully indulged by an enlightened mother and friends. Their legacy of joy has endured and grown without regret, guilt or illusions. Word from those of similar mind is welcome.

PATTI W.
(IL-P-M2166-K2587-79)
Tall, fun-loving blonde who loves music, sports, going out, hypnosis and collecting hats and fans. Would love to meet or correspond with anyone who wants a 'nutty' girl friend.

JYL W.
(IL-M5114-K10788-81)
WMTV, 33, 135, 5'8", still not out. Love lingerie, hose, short skirts, high heels & feeling feminine. Looking for someone to help me become more passable & bring me out in public.

ROXANNE LAVERNE MITCHELL
(IL-M5185-K11230-81)
Mbr of IFGE, Chicago Gender Society, and ITI. It's Time Illinois. I like everything feminine. On hormones for 2 yrs. Want correspondence from all. Hobbies include photography and trains.

ELLIE ALTMAN
(IL-M5428-K6992-79)
I am the mother of a 30-year-old female-male TS and have started a support group for friends and family in the Chicago area. Please write to find out more about the group.

JEFF J.
(IL-M6087-K11907-79)
SW FTM TS, 5'7", 37. Like bicycle riding, road touring, rock music, contact sports, nature and wild life. I have always felt all alone as a TS. Interested in corresponding with TSs, especially FTM.

MISSOURI (630-658)

ANGELA JOHNSON
(MO-P-M1162-K1308-81)
DBM, CD, 47, 5'55", 175. Movies, photography, music, new friends, girltalk and sports interest me. Looking to correspond with and meet other TV/CD/TS and understanding ladies. I enjoy going out as Angela. Sisters of color, where are you? Please write.

KANSAS (660-679)

EVELYN BORDEN
(E KS P-M0400-K1329-80)
Tall, well educated, very passable TG interested in meeting others in the Kansas City area & sharing resource information. Open, understanding, helpful to others traveling same path.

SHELLY H.
(KS-P-M4627-K10171-82)
SW pre-op TS, 5'7", 150, 50. Member WTA. Have started transition and love it. Seeking friends and looking for SO to share my life with. I'm caring, loving and accepting. Love good music and crosswords. Varied other interests. Please write. Will answer all.

VERONICA MOELLER
(KS-P-M4893-K8412-79)
SWM TG, 5'7", 39, 145. Professional. Enjoy classical music, reading, movies, coffee shops and outdoors. Passable. I am moving towards TS and full time living. Seek friends to lend advice and experiences.

NEBRASKA (680-693)

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-82)
I enjoy all that is feminine & wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, & discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs & genetic females for friendship.

JANET MELISSA B.
(NE-M6036-K11170-79)
44, 5'2", 150#, cute. Crossdressed since age 6. Family knew and tolerated it. Enjoy dainty thoughts. Hips are narrow, started medication late. Good voice, size 10 misses petite. Striving for 137#. Celibate, bi tendency. Please, Jesus, say, 'Talitha Koum,' to me. Ne'er-do-well. Physicians, please, charity.

LOUISIANA (700-714)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-80)
Mbr Gulf Gender Alliance. I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, & am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, & would welcome corresponding with them.

GINGER B.
(LA-M4366-K10089-80)
Financially independent, single, 6'1", 215, very infrequent CD needs a full-time French maid capable of caring for & sharing the good life on 15 acres with a home. You can live full time as a woman. Tell me about your dreams & needs. Let us trade letters & photos.

SHERI K.
(LA-P-M6183-K13581-80)
Sexy southern belle, married CD with supportive wife who helps with hair, clothes makeup and photos. Love to dress sexy but classy in short skirts, nylons and high heels. Wish to exchange letters and photos with other CDs, CD couples and females. Discretion and honesty assured.

ARKANSAS (716-729)

JANA H.
(AR-P-M2042-K2442-80)
Let's talk! Into dressing 13 years. Married, wife knows, helps, but not her thing. Late 50s, 5'7", 165. Former USAF pilot. Still working. Can't help it! Love it all, 38C to 5" inch heels. Into golf, photography, video. Possibly meet in AR, MS, LA. Always respond to everyone. Do it!

LARRY D.
(AR-M5247-K10478-82)
MWM. Never had a desire to dress, but have had a lifelong desire to know & associate with those who do. I respect who you are, & would love to hear from anyone, especially in Arkansas & nearby states. Would you like an understanding man's point of view?

LAURIE STARK
(AR-M5410-K11897-80)
5'8", 190, 39, single, TV/TS feelings. Like movies, Sci-Fi, romance, mountains, camping, SCUBA, dressing, classical gourmet cooking, fine wine, helping gender community, peace & quiet, air brush. Started transition Oct. '96. Would like to develop friendships with women, couples, TV/TSs, & build lasting friendships.

STACI B.
(AR-P-M5550-K12188-81)
WM CD wishes to hear from TV/TS/CDs. Wife doesn't know, nor would she approve. My interests include sexy satin lingerie, photo exchange and possible meetings. I would love hearing from anyone with similar interests and will answer all. My greatest joy is being female and I want to share that with someone.

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-78)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, retired. Wife accepts but non-supportive. So-so passer, but going out since '91. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing & transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. Like to meet & correspond with like-minded people.

TEXAS (750-799)

RENE FENNER
(TX-P-M0989-K140I-79)
President GCTC '96,7. Mid-60s. Out of closet over 15 years. Comfortable going anywhere as Rene. Hobbies include amateur radio and fishing. Mbr Tri-Ess and Renaissance. Attended all Texas T Parties, Coming Together '87, '92, California Dreamin' '93. Like to correspond with those who share interests.

LAURA TAYLOR
(TX-P-M1254-K1408-81)
CD, about 5'9", 170. Just love my time dressed and made up as a woman. Love to meet and write to other CDs. Off lots of weekdays for dress up sessions, shopping, lunch, etc.

TERRI G.
(TX-M1738-K1901-82)
SWM, 5'7", 165. Hobbies computers and music. Closet TV. Would like to improve appearance. Interested in hormones and how to increase breast development, and in MtF surgery.

CASEY COLE
(STX-P-M1907-K2196-79)
Hetero, male CD, 44. Living with supportive life-mate. Active in Austin Second Image, Mbr of ETVC. Previous Mbr of Boulton & Park, Heart of Texas TV.

DANIELLE NOEL M.
(TX-P-M2691-K4242-79)
Mature, attractive, MWM, college, 5'11", blue eyes, ht/wt proportional. Interested in meeting attractive CD in area for weekly get togethers. Prefer slim to med. build, prof. male, 45-60, experienced long term CD activities. Wife knows, no participation. No drugs. Son at home prohibits dressing here. Corpus Christi area.

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-99)
Mbr of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. Out of closet & successful transgendered attorney. Like helping people out of closets, fighting myths & stereotypes. Will speak on TG issues. It isn't '76, this is the '90s. Come out! You're an OK person. Don't put up with the guilt & shame lie.

LIANA JAMES
(TX-P-M2949-K5062-81)
Interests include photography, computers, travel and having fun! I will answer all who write.

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-79)
Mbr B&P & AS1. Attended Texas T Party '92-'95. Married to loving & supportive wife who helps with wardrobe selection & overall look. Interested in meeting others for socializing & conversation. Enjoy corresponding with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing & petticoat punishment.

P.C.
(TX-P-M3628-k7533-83)
Divorced hetero lifelong CD. My community doesn't understand or accept me. Would like to hear/meet friends or sisters in Central Texas. Are you as lonely with your true self as I am. Please write.

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-80)
Single, hormones since '92. Love music, intimate conversation, cooking, good wine. Other interests too varied to list. Seeking stable, healthy relationship. Send photo with letter. Would also like to hear from others in the Rio Grande Valley; friendship, support.

MARK J.
(TX-P-M4275-K2691-79)
M, self-employed, athletically fit. Seek attractive TG for friendship that could develop into a possible relationship. All answered with photo.

JOHN C.
(TX-P-M4603-K10106-81)
SWM, 5'10, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated.

LEE G.
(TX-P-M4622-KI0161-86)
Central Texas TG. Member of Austin Second Image. Interests are androgynous everyday dressing, long distance motorcycle touring, the Gender Forum on America on Line. Interested in meeting others of a like mind and interests. Catch me online.

R. W.
(TX-P-M4790-K10551-79)
Kind & caring. Like downtown & foreign films, political science, drives in the country & cha-cha dancing. Advanced Karate. Would like letters.

MICHELE NICOLE H.
(TX-M4947-K10221-79)
Early 40s, 6', DWM TV with TS tendencies. Seek other TV/TS for support and help. Very well educated. Love to kayak, but have no friends. Would like to meet new friends with similar interests. Can travel on weekends. Would like to go out in public once I am over being shy.

WENDY ROSE CAMPBELL
(TX-M5411-K5233-84)
SWM, pre-op TS, 6', 175. On hormones since 1987. Living full time as a woman since 1994. Interests: computers, cooking, dancing, travel and c/w music. Grad. Cornell and Cordon Bleu, Paris. Wish to correspond/meet other TS/TG in Fort Worth Metro-plex area.

COLLEEN HELMS
(TX-M5531-K12231-80)
DWM bi-CD, 5'10", 180, red/blue. Relationship-oriented. Love lingerie & heels. Need help with makeup, wigs, & upper physique styles. Correspond by phone or mail. Photo appreciated. Can entertain or travel. Discretion assured. Peace & love (we need it)!

KELLI ROBERTS
(TX-M5615-K10415-80)
SWM, 5'7", CD. Former member WTGA. 1996 has been wild. Have traded the sands of West Texas for the sands of the Texas coast. Still enjoy hearing from sisters across the Lone Star state, looking for friendship and sharing info.

BETTIE ANN A.
(TX-P-M5616-K10064-80)
Mbr Delta Omega, Irving, Texas. Hetero, 61, 5'9, 150, widower. Wife was supportive. Crossdressing since age 12. I prefer living as a woman most of my free time. Enjoy going out. Passable? No one has said anything, & I never asked. I'm just an older woman.

MARLENE D.
(TX-P-M5665-K11032-81)
SWM hetero CD, fetish, fantasy dresser. All my outer/underwear is black patent stretch leather. Ultrasheer, shiny 15 denier black seamless stockings. No pantyhose for this gal! 6" black patent spike stiletto-heeled pumps with pointy toes. Please write.

DARLENE E.
(TX-M5811-K0239-81)
Divorced. Stepping out of the closet in miniskirts and high heels. Would love to help start a CD club in NE TX. Will answer all letters. Mbr IFGE, Metro-Plex CD Club.

BETTY ANN CRUZ
(TX-M5966-K3802-79)
Married, hetero CD. Wife and I enjoy shopping for both. I spend about two-thirds of my time as Betty. Haven't been out in public as Betty. Will try to answer all letters. Would like to hear from others in NE Texas.

SABRA SINCLAIR
(TX-M5978-K6690-79)
30-something, beautiful dark skinned, sexy dark eyes, post-op TS. 5'9", 126#, 38C-24-35. Widow with lez desires. Would love to hear from passable post- and pre-ops, handsome men, or those whose interests are leaning toward becoming TS. Interests are in the occult, music, lingerie, heels, cosmetics, dancing, dining, theatre, shopping.

KRISTY MILLER
(TX-M6231-K13740-81)
Love expressing my feminine side with lingerie, silky dresses, skirts, blouses. Would like it if a GG or passable TV/TS could help me with my image. Will correspond with all who write. Your photo gets mine. Let's be girls together.

JANA CLARK
(TX-P-M6060-K13209-79)
CD, 40s, 5'9", 160. Started dressing again after years of suppressed feelings. Interested in hearing from attractive, fem-looking TV or pre-op TS to share experiences with and possibly help me find my true inner self. Photo appreciated. What's your story?

KATE STEELE
(TX-P-M6071-K13237-79)
Central Texan, lifelong CD, partly out. ASI, Texas T '96. Seeking more opportunities to express myself, more friends in our community, more info about this life and how to dress for it. Welcome correspondence, contacts, socializing. Enjoy books, music, motorcycling.

COLORADO (800-816)

M.L.
(CO-M2469-K3559-79)
Professional SWM, 32, 6'4", 220 #. Educated and athletic. Enjoy travel, skiing, the beach and foreign films. Looking for an attractive, feminine pre- or post-op TS or TG for a loving, monogamous relationship and marriage. I can relocate.

JOANNE WILSON
(CO-P-M4620-K10158-80)
WM, 5'10", 175#, professional, fiftyish, spending more time en femme than not. Enjoy shopping, occasional bar-hopping, and golf. Poor corespondent, but will answer all. Currently on hormones and electrolysis. Would like to hear from others.

WYOMING (820-831)

VERONICA B.
(WY-P-M4969-K7113-80)
SWM, 150, 6', CD. Love everything feminine. Enjoy changing looks & trying new things. Like to hear from open-minded, fun-loving people & meet with those in my area.

GINA S.
(WY-M5096-K11058-83)
MWM. mid-40s, CD/TG with TS inclinations. Seeking advice and support to achieve goal in coming out and being able to live a female life-style. Wife knows, trying to accept, but nonsupportive. I have much to learn about my femininity. Hearing from my sisters would be a great help.

LINDA ANNE S.
(WY-P-M5488-K12095-80)
MWM TS living full time with supportive SO and family. On hormones 1-1/2 years and looking forward to eventual SRS. I find SW Wyoming extremely accepting and would love to meet others in my area.

IDAHO (834-839)

GERRI BECKEN
(ID-P-M3230-K6299-83)
6'0", 160, 42, single CD/TV. Interested in reading romance & Sci-Fi/fantasy, computers, long walks, & dressing. Will respond to all letters. Do pass in public. Please write.

HEATHER WILKINS
(ID-M5741-K1-12608-81)
Married with loving wife. CD, mid-

30s, closeted. Would like to help build support for out community in S. Idaho/E. Oregon. I am ready to meet sisters and brothers. Will cherish words of advice from anyone in 'the family' that has started a club.

ARIZONA (850-864)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-82)
Mbr A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 47, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, & dogs. Fond of gold clothes, heels, & blonde hair, but also enjoy tight skirts & tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Write.

TOMMIE F.
(AZ-P-M1158-K1453-80)
Lifelong TG has a passion for panties, heels, hosiery and other lingerie. Has a large collection of panties, bras & slips. Wants to hear from other undies lovers. Also likes minis, bosomy look. Will correspond with sisters. Exchange photos and lingerie.

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-80)
Hetero CD, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic & attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Like art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, & fashions. Love to meet/write CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere.

ANONOMOUS MALE
(AZ-M4888-K8301-80)
SWM, 45, professional, moderately financially independent in five years. Seeking young, feminine, early stage 'true' pre-op for loving, caring monogamous relationship. Prefer a TS on natural hormones and who is highly erotic by nature. Please send photo and description.

CATHERINE SMITH
(AZ-P-M5208-K11545-81)
SW, 33, Supporting Member IFGE. Very shy, self-employed carpenter specializing in kitchens and bath remodeling. Will work most anywhere. Interests include camping, music, reading, cooking, being creative, religion. No sexually explicit letters, please.

KAY JULIA A.
(AZ-M5603-K3757-80)
50s, tall, post-op TS. Enjoy dancing, reading cooking, traveling and live theater. Would like to correspond and meet women and men with compatible interests for mutual support and comfort. Am delighted with my new life. Let's have fun!

KATHLEEN RENEE C.
(AZ-P-M6174-K8646-80)
MWM, TV, late 50s, 6", mbr Tri-Ess. Enjoy Sci-Fi *(Trek, Bab 5, X-Files,* etc.), movies, reading. Love dressing. Still working on closet door; one foot out, other dragging. Would love to correspond with TVs, both locally and elsewhere.

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-79)
34, 5'8", 145, closet CD. Love heels, hose, lace & lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, & meeting some new friends. Will answer all.

THONG SANDI TAPAGANDA
(NM-P-M4342-K3848-80)
Gay (happy) Transvestite, learning to get in touch with my feminine self. 5'7", 155, thirty-something. Very finely sculptured, completely hairless, athletic body. Activities include nudism, ballet (on pointe!), several sports, & phantasy photography. Am very open-minded, so when writing feel free to express your true self!

LINDA ANN S.
(NM-M6082-0793-79)
40s, DWM TS. I love to read, travel and enjoy quiet times. Am totally feminine, discreet, tender, caring, and open to new ideas. Seek friendship with other CD/TSs as well as possible relationship with right man. Will respond to all.

NEVADA (890-898)

DEBRA NICHOL
(NV-M4789-K1292-79)
This is a gift that this happy TG shares with all you readers. Hope there are more of you here who would like to enjoy our southern Nevada sunshine.

CHRISTY BROWN
(NV-P-M6201-K13517-81)
Reno TV, 28, 5'10", 130, feminine, clean, sincere, single easy going. Enjoy going out, modeling, meeting people, videos, photography, quiet nights at home. Seek open-minded friendships and more. Dates with men. Short skirts, sexy dress, infantilism. Wish to be full time TV female.

SARAH P
(NV-P-M6249-K13841-81)
Pre-op TS, 21, about 5'8", 130, Las Vegas. In search of many things, not the least of which is a way to make my dreams come true. All my life I've wanted nothing more than to become a beautiful woman. I've chosen 1997 as the year in which to do it. The support of others is always appreciated.

CALIFORNIA (900-960)

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-80)
An older lady who ten years ago, after many years of denial, could no longer hide from who and what I was. I always enjoy hearing from others with whom I can share triumphs, experiences and problems.

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-86)
Passable, 5'8", sz 12. Great sense of humor, discreet & sensitive. love sharing ideas with other girls. Like makeup, adventures, photography & 'puters. Want to achieve a totally fem image & persona. Out at last & loving it.

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-KI957-79)
Lifestyle changing. Very happy just going out as a woman, doing regular stuff: shopping, errands, etc. I pass well. TG group meetings secondary. Still belong RGA, ETVC, DVG.

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-P-M2099-KI5I8-81)
WCD enjoys meeting people who have the same interests & that enjoy going out & having fun. I travel extensively & love meeting people & visiting groups. I am presently very involved in the community & very much enjoy helping those who are looking for info or help.

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M21I2-K2522-80)
Have lived as a woman most of my life. Age 24, bisexual TV. Interested in pen-pals only.

BOB DAVIS
(CA-M2620-K1631-80)
Mbr ETVC, IFGE. Collector of TG books, periodicals & ephemera seeking to correspond with others & compare collections. Willing to buy, trade or sell. All letters & inquiries will be answered, but I apologize in advance for making you wait. A special note to dirty minds: I'm very happy in my current relationship. My lover & I do not welcome salacious solicitations.

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-M2833-K4704-80)
Mbr ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, & astrology. Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE & photo gets mine.

JUDI BENSEN
(CA-P-M3063-K4877-81)
MWM, hetero CD. Wife has observed & assisted, but does not understand. I adore our feminine side. Been away for a while, am seeking pen-gals for better understanding.

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Mbr ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGN1E, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30s (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *Genderflex*—Contributors welcome. This is my real life.

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-P-M3627-K7688-79)
60+, 5'10", 160, retired. Member SGA. Long time CD/TV. No longer in closet. Enjoy going out to meetings, dinners, and in general enjoying relationships with other sisters. Would love to hear from you, especially Sacramento area.

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-79)
TG, Bi, androgynous, on hormones, supportive wife. Delight in all that is soft & feminine. Fascinated by issues of transformation of consciousness, magic & shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation & Deep-ecology. Love to hear from others, especially in S CA.

MARY R.
(CA-P-M4140-K8927-80)
Like to meet CDs in Bay area; NS. Love heels, dancing, partying. Dressing for over 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can talk by phone, correspond or meet.

ANN SMITH
(CA-M4351-K9593-80)
Loving, warm, successful professional interested in other successful, professional TVs. My goal is to understand the relationship between crossdressing and business/professional success. I want to meet and discuss this. Lifelong crossdresser. So. Cal.

KAREN ADLER
(CA-P-M-5172-KI1409-81)
I'm a good listener, friendly company, confident (135, 5'7") MTV. Maya Angelou's Phenomenal Woman says it best, '. . . when I try to show them, they say they can't see, I say it's in the click of my heels, the sun of my smile, the grace of my style . . . that's me . . . '

JENNIFER H.
(CA-M5173-KI141-85)
Athletic 30-something San Francisco TV. Educated, fun-loving professional. Travel, love to dress, meet those interested in our 'sport.' Attend conventions, go out. Attractive, bright, blue eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. Very attractive in both sports. Let's meet!

GLENDA S.
(CA-P-M5388-K1175-79)
SWM, 37, 6'1", 180, size 11, tall, slender. Enjoy CD in tight clothes and becoming as sexy as I can. Wish to meet same or TV/TS. Exchange letters, photos, videos. Answer all. Have enjoyed all responses and exchanges since appearing in *Transgender Tapestry*, and hope for many more.

RANDI GARNER
(CA-M5412-K7439-80)
TS full time. ETVC/SIS/Cal Dreaming '96. New to San Francisco after coming from small mountain town in No. Calif. Will answer all.

PAULA W.
(CA-P-M5471-K1669-79)
Mbr RGA. 5'9", 53, MWM. Want to meet other like-minded sisters who enjoy the CD life-style. Have gone out dressed a few times. Interests include hiking, ocean walks, gardening, music, & shopping. Wife & family unaware of my feminine side. Would like to write to & exchange photos with femme sisters & genetic ones.

JAN JENSEN
(CA-M5494-K12112-80)
MWM bi-TV/TS inclined, 55, 6', 195, 18. Wife okay to a point. Dressed all my life. Wear lingerie at all times. Go out occasionally. Love everything femme. On hormones since '84. Love to hear from anyone self-employed. Design, fabricate, repair, restore race cars & street rods.

LUCY ARMENDARIZ
(CA-M5712-K12652-81)
36-year-old bi-TV. I am fun-loving, open-minded. In sexy shape who enjoys wearing the same. I prefer other TVs with same interest. Please send photos. I will do the same. Let's go for it!

CHRISTINE MACALUSO
(CA-P-M5917-K6887-79)
Post-op TS, 33, 5'6", 140. Like everything about being a woman. Strong lesbian inclinations. Looking for friends with similar background or aspirations.

KEN KIRKER
(CA-P-M6098-K13318-80)
SWM, 6'4", 220#, hazel/blue eyes, 34. Seeking very feminine, attractive, busty pre/post-op TV/TS or CD with long hair for LTR, possibly marriage. Enjoy long walks, beaches, romantic evenings, long, passionate kisses (they're guaranteed to curl your toes). Will answer all with photo, phone.

REVANA ROSE
(CA-P-M6246-K1195-81)
29-year-old gender explorer into living, loving, & learning. Enjoy shopping and dancing as "just a girl in the world" with my adventurous SO. Interests include counseling psychology, self-growth, cyberspace, metaphysics and cross-dressing (duh). What's your story?

HAWAII (995-999)

ROBIE AISHA
(HI-P-M6178-K9963-80)
S Japanese lesbian TG, 31, mbr TRES, still searching for self. Novice at dressing, not out yet. Enjoy tailored clothes and lingerie. Looking for Miss Right. Especially seeking to hear from Asian TGs and lesbians for Asia/USA support network. Please send photo.

KEVINA DONELLE
(HI-P-M6235-K0545-81)

CD finally accepting the finer things in life. Love tight, sexy clothes and long dresses. Coming out of closet. Enjoy shopping and dressing for pleasure. Also theater and fine wine. Love correspondence with sisters. A letter and photo gets mine. Write soon.

OREGON (970-979)

RHONDA F.
(OR-M2708-K4343-79)
5'10", 165, still in closet. Wife knows & is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Traveling in Oregon & most outdoor activities. Love lingerie & TV fiction books, & have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping.

D.H.
(OR-M5951-K6466-79)
Oregon coast cowboy wants a LTR with a lady into fantasy art and conversation. Full time or part time. Must love furs and provocative dress. Age, race unimportant.

ANNALEE WADE
(OR-P-M6045-K12663-79)
38, Gemini, very masculine-appearing lesbian. Enjoy poetry readings. Favorite authors include Audre Lorde, Minnie Bruce Pratt. Would like to hear from F2Ms. Peace!

WASHINGTON (980-994)

BARBARA BARRETT
(WA-P-M0258-K0560-83)
Mbr NWGA, Emerald City. 5'10", 160 CD. Like music, fashion, movies, camping, meeting sisters. Have

supportive SO. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, sincerity, discretion. Enjoy small social gettogethers & CD events. New to Olympic Peninsula area. Will answer all.

SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-79)
VP Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91. 185, M, blond, blue eyes. Like CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. Enjoy going out & doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs & look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am.

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-80)
Mbr Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do, having fun.

LORRIE T.
(WA-P-M4057-K7891-82)
MWM, 49, 10. CD with supportive wife wishes to correspond with others. Very much want to make friends and dress one-on-one with other CDs in OR/WA. Not looking for sex, just good friends. Please write and I'll respond. Photo appreciated. Let's enjoy our feminine selves together.

STACY ELAINE DAVIS
(WA-M4919-K10876-80)
Feminine, DSWM lesbian TV. Love beauty in nature, music, feminine & caring relationships. I am a smoker, 6', 220. Love shopping & wearing all the things that other women do. I like to read *Transgender, Woman Talk* & watch daytime soaps.

CHARLOTTE R.
(WA-P-M5190-K11441-81)
S retired CD, 6'6", 220. Cross-dressed since youth, never in public. Love underwear and dressing with friends. Travel a lot. Need advice on makeup & clothes. Have lots of time. Would like to hear from sisters. Worldwide story collection.

DOROTHY LEIGH GUSTAVSON
(WA-M5520-K12189-80)
SWM, 5'3", auburn hair, blue eyes, wants letters from CDs everywhere. Have lived full time as a girl since age 16, thanks to mother's approval & encouragement. Got permission to spend a summer in her clothing. I was hooked & never looked back.

ANN J.
(WA-M5800K12775-85)
Widower, 65. In the closet since age 13, now trying to crack the door open. Would like to meet others in local area, accepting women. Late wife very much opposed. Currently don't pass. Discretion expected and provided.

DOUG S.
(WA-M5996-K4638-79)
SWM, 36, masculine, nonsmoker, handsome and heavy set. Seeking a loving long term relationship with a pretty pre-op TS, any race. If you are happy with your unique sexuality, please write with photo. I will send mine. Very sincere.

ALASKA (995-999)

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-79)
Mbr Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. Supportive wife & grown & gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar & flute. Spend all my non-work time as a woman, & go out a lot. Love to communicate. Photo appreciated.

TRISH PLUMB
(AK-M3480-K7185-81)
I'm a 40-something CD. Would enjoy corresponding with other CDs, particularly those in Alaska. All letters will be answered.

CANADA

GLEN M.
(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-79)
Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92, Be All '94, Erie '94, Harry Benjamin '93. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. As a 'male-dresser,' regardless of role, I am always 'a man.' Passing not important. Presentability, relating & decorum essential.

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-81)
Mbr Xpressions. Been dressing since a teenager, now 45. Like the feel of stockings against shaved legs. Slowly getting the courage to go shopping in daylight in home town.

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-85)
Tall, slim, blue-eyed brunette, hetero CD, early 40s. Interested in intelligent, sensitive, nonsexual correspondence with anyone who is either struggling or reveling in this difficult/joyous condition/opportunity life has presented to those of us who are gender gifted.

WENDY HOULE
(CAN-M4606-K10132-81)
Divorced, single parent with four children to take care of. TV/TS, late 30s, dressing all my life. Want to correspond and/or meet other CD/TS/GG for helping me to improve my femme side. Looking for help & support. No sex letters.

DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-P-M4787-K2066-79)

Bi-pre-op TS, 30s, Mbr Xpressions (Toronto). Cross-live P/T. 6', size 16, seek new job, very public, hormones upgraded, 75% through electrolysis. Love music, laughter, sensuality, travel. Frustrated by estranged family/close friends. Feel fulfillment & self realization. Love career girl/party looks. Dream of Platonic mentor for career.

GLENDA T.
(CAN-M4809-K9040-80)
Early 40s, single, hetero CD, 5'3", 155lb., Mbr of Cornbury. Never been out, but perhaps... Interests include musical theatre, travel & sports. I'd like to meet/correspond with sisters & supportive ladies in Victoria & Canada.

JERI CARLA
(CAN-P-M5404-K2800-79)
Twenty years fem, 6', 220 on the way down. Sometimes passable, sometimes dress while shopping. Love to chat. Enjoy the outdoors, fishing, shooting, reloading, motorcycles, mountains. Looking for a woman to be my husband.

REBECCA ANN BENTLEY
(CAN-M5512-K12155-80)
6'3". Love dressing up in suits, high heels, stockings, makeup. Would like to hear from other CDs in the Kingston area. Still looking to go out in public and to parties. I like movies, dancing. Sometimes I go to Toronto and Ottawa to help bring my feminine self out.

MONICA MARTIN
(CAN-P-M5638-K9601-81)
MWM professional. Striving for full-time living with understanding SO. Likes: music sports, & making friends. Write if you have similar likes.

MICHELINE MONTREUIL
(CAN-P-M6067-K12255-79)
5'11", 44. Wish to meet and visit her sisters in Canada and USA, mainly during summer and Christmas time. Like to dress, to live and to shop all week as a woman. Seeking new friends to do social activities together. Please write me, I will answer..

MONICA MARTIN
(CAN-P-M5638-K9601-81)
MWM, professional. Striving for fulltime living with understanding SO. Likes: music, sports & making friends. Write if you have similar likes.

SWITZERLAND

CLAUDIA B.
(SWITZERLAND-P-M5334-K11843-81)
TS interested in meeting other TG sisters in USA/Europe. Love being feminine and ladylike. Often en femme in public. Like to correspond with other Transgender people.

AUSTRIA

PETA WILSON
(AUSTRIA-P-M2516-K3664-81)
Aussie TG: almost full-time. Love to correspond and swap pics. Interests: music, film, clothes. Writer/author by profession.

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUSTRIA-M2774-K4604-80)
Hetero CD, dressing since youth, end 50s. Member IFGE, Tri-Ess. Wife accepts, but not supportive. So-so passer, but going out. Travel extensively in Europe and USA: Fall Harvest, Fantasia Fair, Holiday En Femme, etc. Would like to correspond with CDs and partners. Like travelling, mountains, music, fashions.

YUGOSLAVIA

IVANA (EVE) S.
(YUGOSLAVIA-P-M5349-K4473-79)
Mbr of Rose's. CD, TS inclinations. Looking for mature person/couple who can help & enjoy my transformation. Have refined taste for clothes, lingerie, shoes. Love stockings, corsets, high heels. I'll be your mistress, maid, wife or friend.

AUSTRALIA

KYM AYRES
AUS-P-M4559-K9888-77
Treasurer Seahorse Society NSW. MWM, CD, 5'5", 130, 10/12, arts teacher, degree in Visual Arts and Art History and Criticism. Practising artist. Likes: the arts, music, writing, photography. Accepting and supportive SO. Like to correspond with other CDs.

BAHAMAS

SAWYER
(BAHAMAS-P-M4639-K10237-79)
Wife, daughters and some caring friends supportive. Into boating, fishing, camping. Jeweler skilled in mfg./design. Would like to relocate to US or Canada. Would love to hear from couples coming to the Bahamas. Friends we met: our computer crashed and we lost addresses. Please write!

BRAZIL

RICK. G.
(BRA-M4560-0990-81)
30-years-old, single, bi. I would like to make friends with TV/TS/CDs. I love lingerie and high heels. I can travel anywhere. All letters answered.

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Skin

Anti-Aging Vitamins and You

Linda DeFruscio, R.E., R.I., P.M.E.

When I think about vitamins, it takes me back to the '70s when I was in high school. I had acne and peri-oral dermatitis so badly that I had to have regular visits with my dermatologist. For many years I was on antibiotic drugs to combat my infections. My dermatologist recommended and put me on vitamin A, B, C and E. I became so obsessed with skin care, that I took a personal interest in the subject. I went to college for it.

I should have had acne keloiditis (scarring) to this day, but I believe the success in curing my acne was due to the teamwork of my physician and the use of vitamins. Today, I continue to use these vitamins.

According to Kathryn K. Leverett, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of *Advanced Dermatologics News* and owner of The Solutions Center in Oakland, Calif., "Antioxidant vitamins such as oil soluble vitamins A and E absorb easier into the skin and work better when they are micellized, which makes them totally water soluble. Micellization is a patented process that reduces the molecule size dramatically. Micellized nutrients are dozens of times smaller than even liposomes. Vitamin A propionate, a chemical cousin of Retin-A, acts similarly in that it absorbs rapidly, exfoliating and reducing the appearance of fine lines and softens the skin. Vitamin E, a powerful antioxidant, has been found to moisturize, fight the adverse effects of environmental pollutants and 'plump up' wrinkled skin. Simply put," Leverett concludes, "micellized vitamins penetrate the pores much better than unmicellized vitamins for enhanced results."

Products that contain ceramides help to restore moisture and alpha hydroxy acids to exfoliate and smooth out a rough texture in the skin.

Vitamin Benefits

Vitamin A (retinol) helps reduce the appearance of fine lines, rough, dry skin because it promotes tissue formation and regeneration. Vitamin A is used in hydration creams and lotions to soften the skin.

Vitamin B-complex can give new meaning to those chapped, cracked lips. Check with your physician or nutritionist on internal vitamins. B-complex, rich in hyaluronic acid, your skin's natural moisturizer, helps facilitate the absorption of vitamin C as well as bind humectants from your moisturizer. Apply liquid B-complex after vitamin C serum or gel, oil-free and light-weight, then 10 minutes later the final moisturizer to leave your skin feeling firm, hydrated and supple.

Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) is a natural antioxidant and is used as a preservative in cosmetic products. Vitamin C is essential in the production of collagen for smooth radiant skin. Collagen provides for the skin's youthful appearance. Vitamin C, when applied or taken internally, has an anti-infection factor which is capable of strengthening the body's defenses against infectious conditions. Vitamin C even helps the body absorb iron from foods. It is important for healthy teeth and gums as well as the structure of bones, muscles and blood vessels. My recommendation is one 500 mg dose with rose hips per day.

Topical vitamin C helps to correct skin damaged by sun exposure, harsh or dry climates, smoking, crows feet, smile lines, and other signs of aging as well as protecting us against future damage. It absorbs quickly into the skin and cannot be washed off.

Vitamin D (calciferol) is usually combined with vitamin A in skin care preparations. The mixture seems to promote epithelial growth and healthy pigmentation.

Vitamin E is an antioxidant found in all body tissues and is important for their function. Vitamin E is used in deodorants, hair products and skin creams. It also has a healing and softening effect.

There are products available in the esthetic market for your skin protection that are non-comedogenic and contain ceramides, vitamin C products, micellized vitamins A, and E, alpha and beta hydroxy acids and botanical extracts.

Liposomes and encapsulation (in gelatin) are excellent delivery systems for vitamins. Vitamin E capsules can be popped open and applied on your face for healing purposes. I have used this method successfully for electrolysis after care and acne, for quite some time.

Most agree that eating vitamin-rich food is the best way to nourish the skin. On the other hand, vitamins applied to the skin have been proven to have a healing and softening affect.

(Linda DeFruscio, R.E., R.I., P.M.E. is owner of A & A Electrolysis and Skin Care Associates, 815 Washington Street, Newtonville, MA 02160 (617) 964-l000. Questions are welcomed by phone or by letter.)

The 13 Most Asked Questions About Crossdressing —Answered

Cally Nichols

1) Am I a crossdresser ?

A crossdresser is someone who enjoys dressing as a member of the opposite sex from their birth sex, but has no desire to change sex permanently. Crossdressing is one form of being transgendered.

2) How do I know I am not a transsexual?

Transsexuals feel "in their soul" that they are the opposite sex. They feel at odds with their own body. Many will crossdress to feel more comfortable, but this is a temporary remedy. Some will undergo SRS (sexual reassignment surgery), or hormone treatment, others simple live full-time crossdressed.

3) How will I know if I'm a crossdresser rather than a transsexual?

For some it's hard to tell, because you may be dealing with the frustrations of wanting to dress as a member of the opposite sex and not being able to. Others know and feel their true sex. By allowing yourself the opportunity to periodically crossdress and establish some normal routines while crossdressed, you will develop a sense of what gender attributes you have. It may be some time before the euphoria of crossdressing subsides so you're in touch with your true feelings.

4) Am I a homosexual in denial ?

Most crossdressers are heterosexual, and married. For the majority, their sexual orientation is members of the opposite sex. However, a smaller number are bisexual. Most gay men are attracted to maleness, and not to femaleness.

5) Should I seek professional help?

Crossdressing itself is not considered an illness. So crossdressing alone is not a reason to get therapy. However there are usually many other issues an individual has around crossdressing. These can include your spouse's feelings, the paranoia of being exposed, and shame. These are issues which can cause stress and other problems where a therapist can be helpful.

6) Can I be cured ?

You're not sick! Many therapists even consider crossdressers to be "gender-gifted." A better question is, "Can I find my place in the infinite possibilities of gender types?" The answer to that question is, "Yes."

7) If there's nothing wrong with me, why do I feel so bad?

We all encounter messages every day which give us clues to the behavior expected of us. If these expectations don't fit our own feelings, we feel out of sorts and alienated. Many of these clues are gender-related, yet gender is not discussed much in our culture. Most people mistakenly associate gender with sex, but gender is about feelings and behavior. In a support group you will learn you are not alone, and you are allowed to feel good about yourself.

8) What will a support group do for me?

Transgendered support groups provide a variety of services and activities. Some are more social clubs so the support is through friendship rather than through structured programs, Other clubs provide programs such as classes on the various aspects of crossdressing, from "passing" to voice lessons. They may also have a spouses' support group and referral services. A support group

may teach you how to function in public when you're ready for this step. All support groups however, provide a network of friends. For most people this is their most important function.

9) How can I find a support group?

IFGE maintains lists of groups all over the country. (You can find a list of national organizations at the end of this article.) It is a good idea to call the group and ask what types of activities they have, what their requirements are, dues, and where they meet.

10) Can I protect my identity if I join a group?

Yes. All support groups realize that a member's identity is a personal matter and must be kept secure to protect their families and jobs. In general their membership lists are not made public to anyone. Different groups adopt different policies for the security of members. Usually you will be made aware of their security practices when you call. This is a common concern with all support groups, so don't hesitate to ask.

11) Can't I stop crossdressing? Won't it just go away.

Many people deny the desire to crossdress for years. Denial is a safety mechanism which works, but not in the long term. Crossdressing may be hardwired into the brain. It will not go away. Unless you face your feelings denial will cause frustration, anger, and depression. You may not be ready to join a support group, but for your own good make a phone call and learn about the opportunities available to help resolve these conflicts. No one should suffer alone and in silence.

12) What about my spouse and family?

Many spouses can learn to accept, and even to embrace a partner's crossdressing. There are numerous "gender friendly" counselors and therapists who work with CDs and their families. There are also support groups for spouses and family members.

13) Where can I get help and further information?

The following organizations offer referrals, contact numbers for local groups across the country, and support for crossdressers and their families:

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(Cally Nichols is a crossdresser and a member of the Tiffany Club of New England.)

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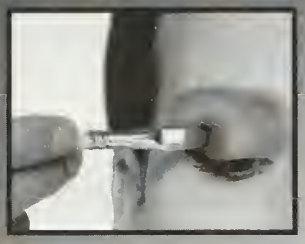

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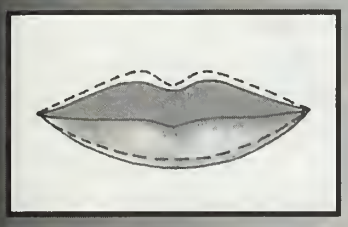

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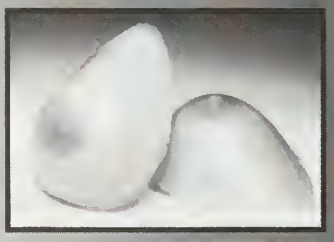

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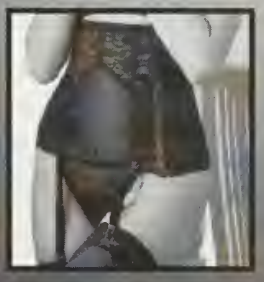

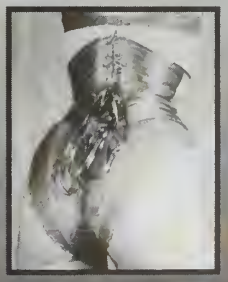

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to those who share them. In the CD world, this is standard operating procedure, myself included.

6) In both the UFO and the TG experiences, one is seized by an unknown power, a mysterious Other, whose motives are not always apparent. Further, both experiences may prove extremely unsettling and life-changing; both experiences may require a great deal of personal struggle and counseling; and both experiences may significantly disrupt personal relationships.

7) A central, and often agonizing factor, in both UFO and transgendered phenomena is that the experience is not chosen by the individual. Further, if one has been chosen, there is no place to run or hide; both the UFOs and the power of transgenderism know where to find and seize you physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

This last point is of particular importance, for in both experiences one has been chosen, *but by Whom*? The question of UFOs aside for a moment, if we consider transgenderism to be a living power, let us say a Muse, who seeks expression in individual lives, one is lead to ask such questions as, Why have I been chosen? What does the Muse request of me? Why has the Muse given me such passion? And most importantly, What should my reaction be to having been chosen?"
The answer to our first question, "Why has the Muse chosen me?" must remain a mystery. The gods and goddesses choose whom they will.

The second question, "What does the Muse request of me?" is an essential one. As a CD and a male, the Muse has given me the power to experience both the masculine and the feminine. In fact, it is my burden and my gift to express both, for the passion I feel inside gives me no choice but to express the two sides of my nature. Thus, the Muse of Transgenderism asks me to experience my humanness, including my sexuality, in much larger terms than my culture either allows or understands.

The third question, "Why has the Muse given me such passion?" speaks to the fire that burns in my heart and cannot be quenched. I believe the passion and sensuality I feel is the reward the Muse gives me when I obey my nature and allow expression to my femininity. My passion is also that which fuels and sustains me in the face of disagreement, hostility, and being wholly misunderstood. Still, others might answer that passion is given, especially to the degree that it remains unrequited, to torment us. Yet passion, even when it is tormenting, can still transfigure us in positive ways.

Finally, to ask, "What should my reaction be to having been chosen?" is to ask what the quality of my life as a transgendered person will be. Will it be one of self-acceptance or self-rejection? As a CD, I have been mysteriously chosen (whether genetically or by the gods I cannot say) to express the feminine within the body of a man. I must therefore decide how I shall relate to my having been chosen. The comparison between the UFO phenomenon and the transgendered condition gives me a sense of compassion for those who have undergone an authentic UFO experience. The terror, uncertainty, misunderstanding, and the agonizing self doubt they feel must be tremendous. I feel related to such people for I too have sometimes felt seized by a power that is beyond my control. For, like the UFO phenomenon, the abduction by the unknown is also a motif within the transgendered drama. In the case of the transgendered, however, the abduction is by the unknown elements and inexplicable desires within one's own psyche.
Have the transgendered been chosen by the gods to be a part of a dramatic, divine response to the enervating blandness of conventional reality? Understood from the Jungian perspective, this is not an unreasonable point of view. Perhaps we do have something in common with the silvery phantoms that whirl across the starry night skies!

(J. J. Allen, the pseudonymous author of the bestselling book, The Man in the Red Velvet Dress: Inside the World of Crossdressing, *is a long-time member of the California TG community.)*

TRANS-COMMUNITY

What's Doing at TG Clubs and Organizations Around the World

. . . Holly Boswell has given up primary editorial responsibility for Phoenix Transgender Support's newsletter *Gender Quest* (Asheville, North Carolina) in order to spend all of her time on the Kindred Spirits Center; she is being replaced at *Gender Quest* by Lauren C., Christie H., Chrysse E., Zantui Rose, Jessica B., and others; that tells us something of how much work Holly was doing for the last ten years . . . Nicky Stones, Flat 1, Irving House, Park Row, Bristol, England, BS1 5LU is gathering data about FTMs and Tgs with obsessive compulsive disorder or phobias; if you have some information he could use, please send it along . . . Jackie Evelyn Thorne tells us in The GCTC Transmission Line that Anita has been elected Empress XIII and Jerel McNeil was elected Emperor XIII of the Houston, Texas Imperial Court; Congratulations! . . . Sarah DePalma will continue to cohost the radio show, *Transgendered in America,* from midnight to 3:00 a.m. the second Saturday of the month on KPFT, 90.1; we send along our thanks as she steps down as President of It's Time Texas, and of It's Time America . . . congratulations to Cindy, Lisa, and Mickey, the new First Lady, Second Lady, and Secretary Treasurer of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Tri-Ess (Tempe, Arizona) . . . congratulations also to John and Rachel of the River City Gender Alliance (Omaha, Nebraska) on their recent marriage . . . the girls down under at the Seahorse Club (Melbourne, Australia) were entertained at their Carnival in Spring Ball by Tricia and her Girls after a delicious dinner, and then it was dance till you dropped . . . wonderful account by Melissa E. of her first night out en femme, with her wife, under the careful tutelage of Sherri, Kappa Beta, Tri-Ess, (Charlotte, North Carolina) . . . lots of winners at the Miss Island Goddess Pageant (Honolulu, Hawaii): Roxanne in both Drums of the Island and Talent, Aiko for Couture Drag, Xie Xie for Hair Galore, and Aiko was the Overall Winner, adding the crown to her 1994 Universal Show Queen title . . . Jessy and Shelley received miniature glitter red satin pumps, Dorothy's red shoes from *The Wizard of Oz,* at the Metro Washington, DC's Holiday Formal, Shelley for her outreach work and Jessey for her outstanding efforts in the publication of the group's newsletter, *Pinnacle* . . . Patty was a recent first-timer at Diablo Valley Girls, and Davida signed up as a new member . . . two new members at Alpha Rho (Salt Lake City, Utah), Christine and Virginia; clearly Christine knows how to plan, when she came to Salt Lake City for the New Year's Party she brought an empty suitcase for a shopping spree; rumor has it she could barely get it shut before she left . . . congrats to Dae J., new VP of the Sigma Epsilon chapter of Tri-Ess (Marietta, Georgia) and to Jenel, recent winner of the Golden Panty award, given for her "diligence, reliability, and friendship"; yes, that does mean she is the one who gets there before everyone else to set up, and stays after everyone has left to take it all down and put it away . . . don't forget that the first Monday of each month is Loose Ladies night at Jimmy's Bar at the Philbeach Hotel in London, England; the price of admission includes a buffet, and Lynn Contess assures us that Jimmy is "the most Trannie friendly barman in London" . . . more congrats to Roni Lang of NWGA (Portland, Oregon) winner of one of this year's Community Treasure Awards, presented to her at a luncheon in the Governor Hotel by Mike Donohue of KOIN-TV and Sharon Kitzhaber for PGE and Technical Assistance for Community Services . . . Carolyn, Karen, and Suzanne from Emerald City (Seattle, Washington) were recently guests, en femme, at a wedding presided over by a Catholic priest; the husband was the owner of the red-neck, macho bar across the street from the Emerald City meeting place where a few girls would go in great fear and trembling when they had to use the phone; seems he decided to break the ice and invite the club over for a drink; the next thing you know, there were parties at the bar after every meeting, then pool tournaments where you could only enter if you were dressed as a woman (and there were some regulars from the bar who came to the club to get dressed so they could play); leading up to the invitation of the club to the wedding . . . oops, Jennifer L. had a longish discussion with the Massachusetts state trooper who stopped her for going 48 in 40 mph zone; seems she hadn't gotten around to changing her driver's license to her new name, and it sported a picture of a guy with a mustache and a beard; lucky she was on her way home from an Innvestments (Orleans, Massachusetts) meeting where a lawyer had told them what to do if they were stopped by the police . . . seems like Joanna from down Chi Delta Mu way (River Edge, New Jersey) locked her keys in her hotel room when she went out to her car in all her finery to get a map; the clerk was all alone and so Joanna had to wait in line at the desk to get another key; one of the gents was impressed, so her first time out in public led to her first date; "I go out dressed all the time now" . . . 1996 gave us the biggest Fall Harvest yet; congratulations to Iowa Artistry (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) and to all the MAGGIE members, and some others who made this happen; very special congratulations to Christine Alan, Miss Fall Harvest 1996, and Iowa Artistry's Stephanie Vandemore, winner of the 1996 MAGGIE Award . . .

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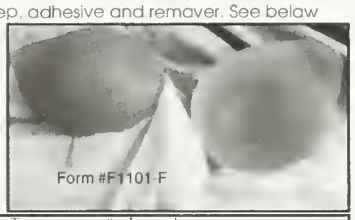
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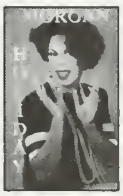

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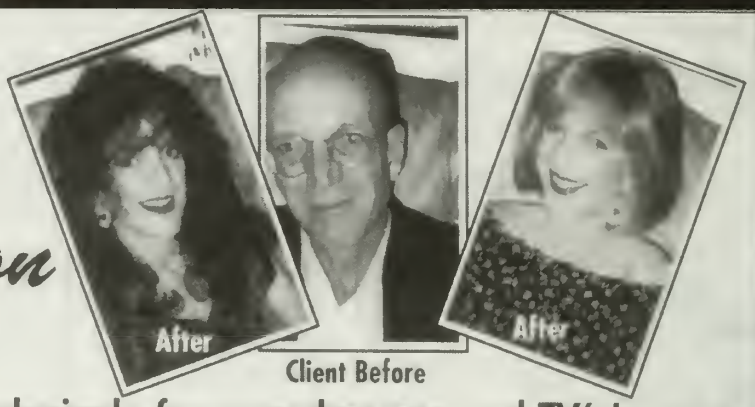

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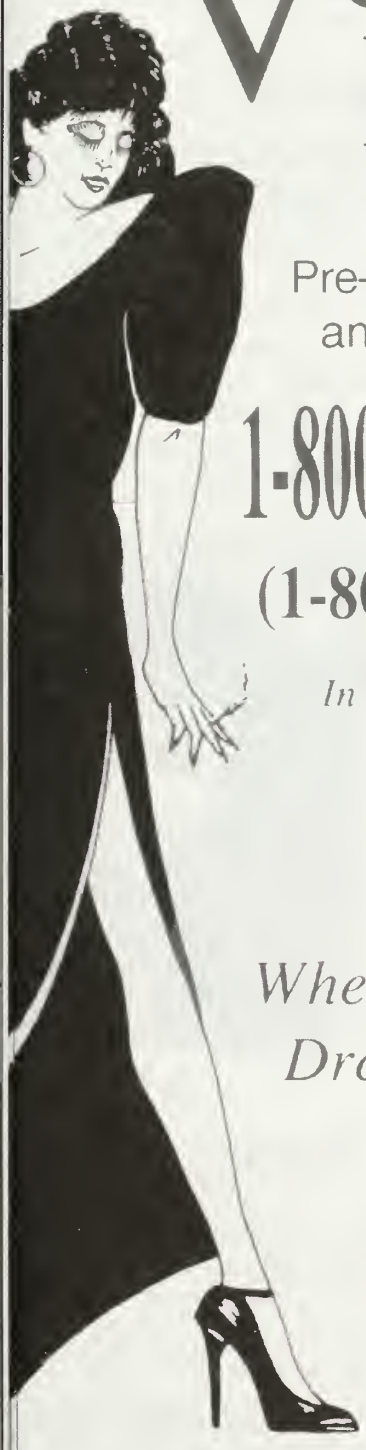

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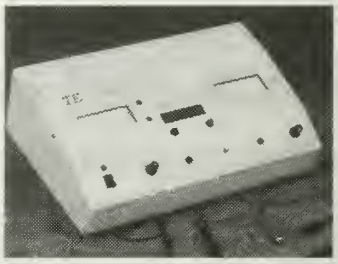

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May 1997

1-4: **A Circle of Kindred Spirits, Dixon Mountain NC,** (704)253-9882 (open to all TG-identified people)

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15-16: **Paradise in the Poconos,** P.O. Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406-1263, (610)640-9449 (crossdresser-oriented)

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4-8: **Be All, Chicago IL,** Ch/Tn-Ess, P.O. Box #40, Woodale, IL 60191-0040 (for all TG-identified people)

18-22: **2nd International Conference on Crossdressing, Sex & Gender Issues, Philadelphia PA,** 987 Old Eagle School Rd. #719, Wayne PA 19087, 610-975-9119 (focus on professionals but open to all)

July 1997

11-12: **Transgender Law and Employment Policy Conference, Houston TX,** P.O. Box 35477, Houston TX 77235-5477

11-13: **A Couple's Retreat, Dixon Mountain NC,** (704)253-9882 (open to all TG-identified people)

16-20: **5th Annual Spouses and & Partners International Conference for Education, Ontario CA,** SPICE c/o P.O. Box 5304, Katy TX 77491-5304, (918)343-1953, melpeg@phoenix.com (crossdresser-oriented)

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1-4: **A Vision Quest, Dixon Mountain NC,** (704)253-9882 (open to all TG-identified people)

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September 1997

10-13: **15th Harry Benjamin International Symposium on Gender Dysphoria, Vancouver B.C.,** Vancouver Health Sciences Center, Center for Sexuality, Gender Identity, Echelon Bld., 2nd Fl., 856 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V5Z 1C6 (professional conference)

18-21: **Paradise in the Poconos,** P.O. Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406-1263, (610)640-9449 (crossdresser-oriented)

October 1997

2-5: **Southern Comfort, Atlanta GA,** P.O. Box 77591, Atlanta GA, 30357

16-19: **Rainbow Spirit Convergence, Dixon Mountain NC,** (704)253-9882 (open to all TG-identified people)

19-26: **Fantasia Fair, Provincetown MA,** P.O. Box 2734, Boston MA 02208

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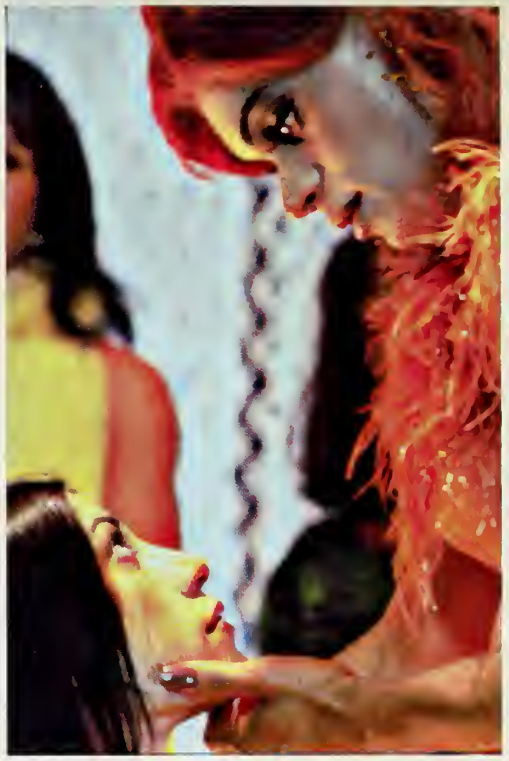

THE IFGE STORY:

An Oral History

Over IFGE's brief ten year history, it can safely be said that no other single organization has had such an impact on the gender community that the International Foundation for Gender Education. It's activities are multitudinous, encompassing a six-days-per-week crisis line, the publication of informational brochures, a quarterly newsletter, a four-color magazine, grants to other organizations and conferences, the operation of a walk-in, mail order, on-line bookstore, providing information on hormones, SRS, physician and therapist referrals, maintaining a directory of over 300 local support groups, operation of an electronic website on the internet at the domain name "IFGE.org," hosting of an annual conference that attracts hundreds of TG people as well as dozens of top medical and mental health care professionals who serve the community, attendance and liaison to professionals in behalf of TG concerns at conferences like the American Psychiatric Association's annual convention, and the handling of several hundred phone calls and e-mail inquiries every day.

In commemoration of IFGE's tenth anniversary, Transgender Tapestry *presents the second of a two part oral history of the International Foundation for Gender Education. Part One covered the years 1987- 1990. It examined IFGE's origins under its founding Director, Merissa Sherrill Lynn, its outreach efforts to and on behalf of TG individuals and organizations, the creation of* TV/TS Tapestry Journal *(now* Transgender Tapestry*), the establishment of the Winslow Street, Christine Jorgensen and Educational Research funds, plus the creation and purpose of the first IFGE annual Coming Together-Working Together conference. Part Two begins with an overview of IFGE's annual conferences, examines some of the factors behind IFGE's recent reorganizational efforts and the birth of its mission statement,* Vision 2000, *explains the transformation of IFGE's flagship publication,* Tapestry Journal, *into* Transgender Tapestry, *looks at the value of the IFGE bookstore, considers how the TG community has changed as a result of IFGE's presence and efforts, and looks to the future, of both the organization and the community. The story is told by those who participated, retired Founding Director, Merissa Sherrill Lynn, former Director of Operations, Yvonne Cook-Riley, Membership Secretary, Joan Hoff, IFGE Board of Directors Chair, Linda Buten, Executive Committee member, Abby Saypen, and long-time board member, benefactor and volunteer, Holly Cross.*

The Annual IFGE Convention

Cook-Riley: The first IFGE convention, Virginia Prince received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and that was a happening. The second convention was centered around Merissa Sherrill Lynn receiving a well-deserved Virginia Prince Award, though her moment of glory was somewhat upstaged by the presence of Christine Jorgensen. The third, held in Boston, Massachusetts, was the first one where the F2Ms had their own track of programs and were a significant presence, bringing F2Ms into the TG community as a whole.

Cross: At the convention in Boston, I was the chauffeur for the F2Ms. They'd tell me what flight the guy was coming in on, and I'd go down to the airport and look for somebody who might potentially be an F2M. And with a piece of paper in my hand, I'd ask, "Are you Steve Smith?" And likely as not, the person would say, "Yeah, I'm Steve Smith." He might still look like a short woman, but when I was talking to him in the car, there was no question in my mind that it was a guy there. Yvonne's partner, Dan Riley was making enough money to grubstake the F2M rooms. We had a luncheon, and managed to fix it so Jane Ellen Fairfax was sitting in the middle of a bunch. They got on swell. Why not. One girl and all those guys sitting in a corner.

Cook-Riley: Our forth conference in San Francisco, California, was another "first" in that the drag queen community, built up around their nation-wide Imperial Court system, made serious contact with the TG community for the first time, supplying unforgettable entertainment for the awards banquet. The next IFGE con in Denver, Colorado, held a great significance for me because I was a recipient of one of the first Trinity Awards, a privilege I shared with Dr. Richard Docter, Mariette Pathy Allen, Sheila Kirk, and others. The next con in Houston, Texas, set the stage for the development of IFGE's strategic plan, *Vision 2000.* Everyone on the board of directors knew it was a necessity to take IFGE beyond just a group of philosophical TGs sitting around trying to do good, if it was to garner community support and survive into the future. The con that followed, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was a rather sad one. The TG community felt that

there had to be change, and IFGE wasn't changing fast enough or hard enough to suit those needs. Merissa Sherryl Lynn was the primary target. If at that point, she had stepped down at that time instead of waiting until the Atlanta convention, the next two years probably would have been much different. The community lost some of its most beautiful people forever, and they have never been replaced. Next we took the con to Portland, Oregon, where, in one sense, it was a celebration and a wake for Ellen Sommers, who had given so much of herself to make the IFGE and the modern-day TG community possible. Ellen was dying, and we all knew that she wasn't going to live another year, and we tried to give her all the love that she and her wife, Patty, deserved for her years and years of work in the community. Fiscally speaking, the following conference in Atlanta, Georgia, was the worst. But it was also one of the major turning points in IFGE's history because Merissa resigned and we kicked off the membership program and began to implement elements of *Vision 2000*. The 1996 con in Minneapolis, Minnesota, represented a new turn in IFGE conventions. It brought the community leaders back, and tied closely together the TG community with the gay and lesbian community. The highlight was the recognition of American Airlines and the meaningful speech by its representative, Bob Baker.

IFGE'S Reorganization

Buten: When I joined the IFGE Board of Directors, it consisted of hand-picked friends of Merissa. I was called the "loose cannon" because I always questioned why people did everything. Things were nowhere near as organized. We would just have one board meeting a year. Eventually, we went to four, but only when I was elected board chair.

Saypen: In the early 1990s, IFGE seemed to be adrift. The job was not being done properly. The people running the organization didn't seem to really know how to take it anywhere. The work of IFGE was not being done properly. Nor did they have an idea of where they should take it. There was no over-all plan or goal. There was no sense of an organization. IFGE was run on a day-to-day basis that led to *Transgender Tapestry* (then titled *Tapestry Journal*) publishing only a single issue one year.

Buten: Almost everything at IFGE was that way, there was no scheduling. There was no nothing. However, in 1990 a new set of BoD members came in from all over the place. It was a younger crowd, and you got a new flavor of how IFGE should to be run.

Saypen: Basically, there was a sense that the organization that was not supporting the community. The sense of the organization seemed to be that the community should support the IFGE, not that the IFGE should support the community.

Buten: We got these really dynamic people in there, who came along and said, "We've got to have this, and we've got to have that." We started insisting on scheduling, and some accountability to the rest of the board. One of my first actions was to insist that *Transgender Tapestry* be put on a schedule. Until then, we used to just print it whenever we felt like it. It came out about 2.6 times a year, or something. And as we did that, everything just changed and things started happening.

Saypen: These changes included putting IFGE on a more solid footing financially, bringing in a good management team, a new Executive Director, Alison Laing, and rebuilding IFGE's image in the community.

Cross: I first met Alison Laing at a Texas "T" Party one time at breakfast, and somehow it was lunch before we got done talking. I thought she was the best possible choice for Executive Director IFGE could possibly have made. She's been doing exactly what Merissa wouldn't do, namely going around and making friends with the various clubs, with the people IFGE is trying to get support from.

Saypen: We had to let the community know that IFGE was there, that we were there for them, and we were there for all of the people in the community. And I'm glad to say I think we've accomplished that. One key step was turning IFGE into a membership organization, and identifying where we wanted to go, and how we were going to get there. That led to *Vision 2000*.

Saypen: In 1994, at the behest of the Board of Directors, IFGE took on a very very large project which we called *Vision 2000*. We got together most of the leaders of the community; we conducted surveys among various organizations and clubs; we asked them to identify what they felt were the community's needs, and the direction that they felt IFGE should go in to help meet these needs. We also tried to identify what IFGE ideally should have accomplished and where it should be by the year 2000, and we tried to identify ways of getting there. Currently, IFGE is on the first rung of the long ladder *Vision 2000* maps out for becoming the organization we need to be in order to help the community secure the freedom of gender expression.

Buten: Getting the IFGE Waltham building was a huge step forward on that path. To make national in-roads, an organization needs more than two rooms over a lingerie shop. A couple of big donations helped make it possible. We also plotted our bookstore and magazine sales on a graph, and every year our total income kept getting higher and higher. At that point, IFGE's was going up 20% every year. But as soon as we leased the building, TG business, and the number of new people entering it, leveled off. It seems that for every person who joined the TG community, another person dropped out. The building turned into something of a white elephant. That is why we are exercising our lease option and relocating to a less expensive facility this year.

Alison Laing and Linda Buten

Cook-Riley: However, the amount of education and outreach that we were able to do because IFGE had the first TG offices was monumental. This was a make-or-break step in the TG community's growth. It was a facility of our own that wasn't piggybacked on Sanford University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Chi-

Yvonne Cook-Riley

cago, or a gay and lesbian center in San Francisco, it was *our* office.

Buten: At one time, IFGE was just thought of as a bunch of crossdressers sitting in a room with some ideas. But as we got more established, and the building really helped us to some degree, the gay and lesbian movement started to take notice of the TG community, as have other organizations that were in that same minority category. Suddenly, the TG community became somebody. We get invited to things. Nowadays, we actually sit on the boards of many gay and lesbian organizations and Pride committees. Gay and lesbian groups have actually asked for our participation. So that has really come a long way in the past few years. In fact, the public at large is more accepting and tolerant of TGs, too.

Increased TG Acceptance

Saypen: I think that IFGE helped start the ball rolling in the direction of the TG community presenting ourselves to the world. I think part of IFGE's work is to find a way to get the word out to more TG people who are estranged from the community, who don't even know it exists. To let them know that we are here. The more TG people who are willing to take a step in a positive way, the easier it will be for everyone. Every step is a giant step for the progress of the community. The more visible that we are, the more willing we are to tell people who we are, the more positive, accepting and comfortable the rest of the world will be with us.

Buten: A large part of that acceptance may also be due to the fact that, in general, TGs have become more "out," more friendly and on better terms with themselves. I don't necessarily think that it's just that people accept or tolerate us any better now. It's not that they didn't accept us before. It's that they didn't know who we were. When we walked up, they might have laughed, and said, "Oh my God, that's a guy in a dress," or something. But a lot of that was because we looked different, and they weren't used to seeing it. They didn't know they knew CDs and TSs. Nowadays, people might still think that you are different, but they don't seem to laugh anymore. TGs have become just another part of what life is all about. We're not 'special' any more. Because of that, and because we're more well known and people realize how many of us there are out there, TGs get accepted more readily into places. It's not because they have to accept us, but because they realize who we are. Most people seem to understand that CDs to some degree aren't going to bite, that TSs aren't from another planet, we're just people just like everybody else. I think that's going to continue. I think we're going to reach further and further unto the outskirts of the world until sooner or later everybody's going to say, "Oh, big deal! That person has a dress on, that person dresses differently, but it doesn't bother me none. Every TG I've ever met is nice."

Saypen: I am always speaking to people, both inside and outside the community. I try to let them know that we are a positive force for change, that TGs should be proud, not ashamed, of who they are. I think that IFGE's been able to help a lot of people develop more self-esteem, help take them from thinking that they were not worthy to feeling good about themselves.

Cook-Riley: The television shows IFGE staffers have appeared on, the radio shows, the documentaries, the newspaper news, the conventions, were all part of the public relations for the TG community. That had to happen. Without that effort, the community wasn't going to go anywhere.

Buten: Here's how much it changed. At the first IFGE convention, we had secret entrances, back doors to come in. We had IFGE staff members warning people, "You might not want to go to the lobby because there might be some sailors down there." Five years later, the hotel hoisted our banner in the atrium where anyone could see it and most convention attendees walked everywhere without fear or concern. And that's all just because of TG people getting out. Suddenly, dynamic new people have

given extra energy to go out and make things happen.

Hoff: When I came along, twelve years ago, the entire community was just a couple of dozen local clubs. Now, there's hundreds of groups all over the place.

Cook-Riley: I would say IFGE was instrumental in bringing the TG community out of the closet. And making it highly visible worldwide. Even the increasing acceptance of the name "transgender community" was partly an IFGE accomplishment. We helped get it out by retitling our magazine *Transgender*. Over all, just finding a neutral name like "transgender" that was acceptable to CDs, TSs, and others, played a big part in bringing the community together.

Transgender Tapestry Is Born

Cross: The change from *Tapestry Journal* to *Transgender Tapestry* was Yvonne's idea. She and Stacey were cooking up things and worrying about it. The title *Tapestry* always confused the hell out of everybody. There was another *Tapestry* magazine in Cambridge about wall hangings.

Lynn: I think the magazine lost something when it lost the title of *Tapestry*. Changing the title from *TV/TS Tapestry* to *TG Tapestry* with the emphasis on "transgender" deemphasized the concept of the community as a weaving, a network of people. However, I think the new magazine is a lot more readable. It's much cleaner. I certainly like the color. The quality of the pictures in it is far better. My compliments to your Art Director, Mykael Hawley.

Stine: Mykael Hawley is a genius. Over and over I hear compliments about the magazine. Eighty percent of that is due to the lavish way Mykael wrings every last drop of impact out of the color. And he's fast! You give Mykael something to do and you go to the bathroom and when you come back, it's on your desk. I finally learned to stop asking him how a project was coming along, because he'd always say, "It's on your desk."

Cook-Riley: I was the publisher and for a long time all I cared about was that people enjoyed it. My focus was making sure it got through the printers, it got to the distributors, and the advertisers were happy. But bit by bit, I saw that that this wasn't the way to go. I felt the magazine had been flat. I knew from sales figures and distributor feedback that the magazine had to make some changes. They weren't all original ideas. They came from looking at successful mainstream magazines and trying to see what they were doing right and developing it for us. I was hoping that Stacey and Vivian would make those changes, but they weren't up to the challenge. And, Jean Marie was ready for us when we were ready for Jean.She came highly recommended through a member of the publishing committee. Jean Marie had challenged me when I first interviewed her to rip the magazine apart and rebuild, not knowing that was exactly what I was hoping she would want to do. The next blessing was in Mykael Hawley.

Jean Marie Stine
Editor,Transgender Tapestry
and Director of Publications,
IFGE

Vanessa Murray,
Manager of
Synchronicity Bookstore

Mykael Hawley Art Director of Transgender Tapestry

The IFGE Bookstore

Cook-Riley: The IFGE bookstore sprang from this idea: We knew Virginia Prince had three books in print; IFGE had a magazine; Dr. Richard Docter was publishing a book; there was a hunger for published material on TG issues. So, as we started looking at possible sources of revenue for IFGE, we thought, why not offer these books to those on our mailing list? That's how the bookstore got started: Seeing a common need and being able to fulfill that need because we were here. We also decided we would not get into fantasy material, that we would take the hard road and keep the books on an educational level.

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The Gender GID Identity Controversy Disorder

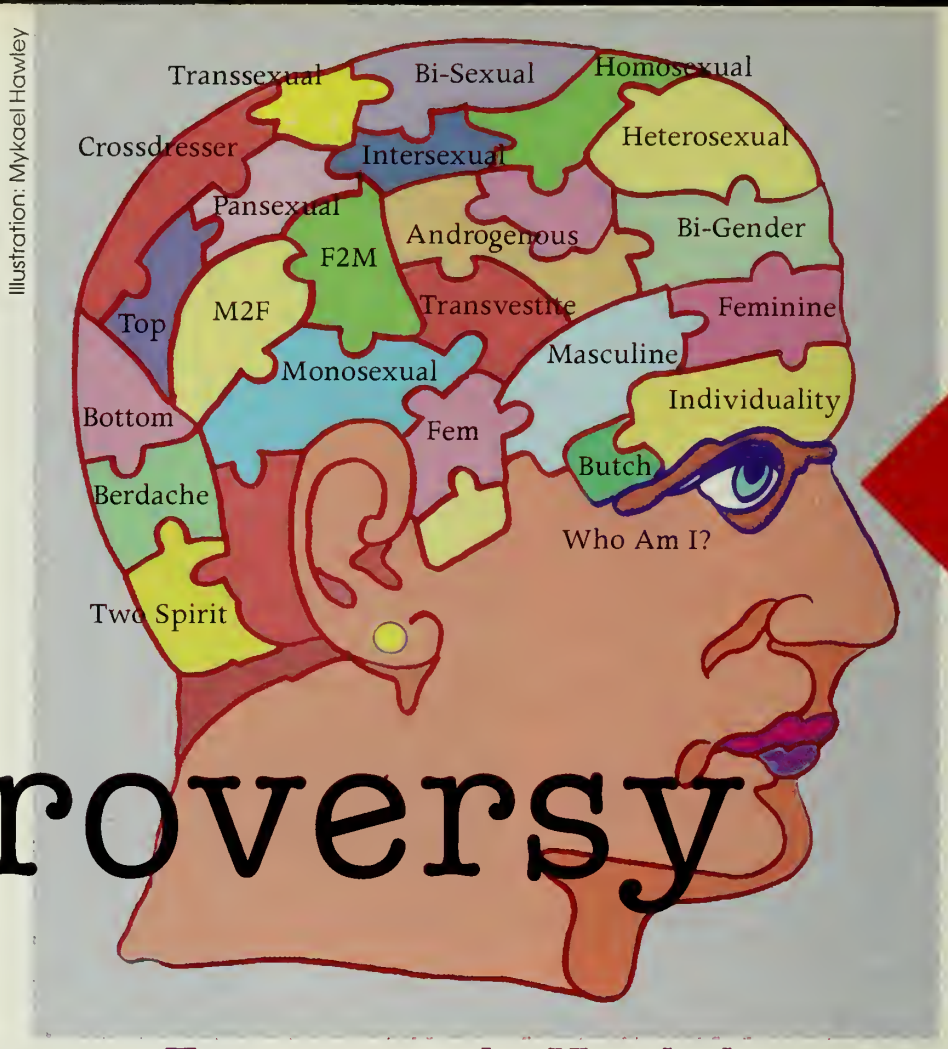

Illustration: Mykael Hawley

Transsexuals Need the Gender Identity Disorder Diagnosis

Margaret Deirdre O'Hartigan

(Recently, the TG community has been torn by the question of whether the American Psychiatric Association's diagnosis of transsexualism as a form of "Gender Identity Disorder" (GID) harms or benefits transsexuals. Some have claimed GID benefits transsexuals by identifying transsexuality as a medically diagnosable condition for which sex reassignment surgery (SRS) is the cure; and by offering a rationale for leveraging insurance companies into covering the cost of SRS. Others argue that GID has been misused as an excuse for conservative parents and professionals to subject TG youth to destructive electroshock, behavior modification and drug therapies in an attempt to change their gender orientation. Here, two of the most eloquent spokespeople for both sides present cogent and thought-provoking arguments for and against keeping the GID classification as part of the American Psychiatric Association's diagnostic standards.)

In 1979 *The Transsexual Empire* denounced medical recognition of transsexualism: "Female-to-constructed-male transsexuals are the 'final solution' of women perpetrated by the transsexual empire" author Janice Raymond wrote. The year before Raymond had questioned whether the transsexual 'solution' wasn't "the beginning of a world where men not only dominate women but become women — and perhaps even try to eliminate and surpass us?"

Raymond isn't the only writer to claim the medical diagnosis for TSs is a threat to others. In *Gender Shock*, author Phyllis Burke alleges that Gender Identity Disorder is a weapon wielded against children who don't conform to sex-role stereotypes.

"Complicating matters for the children, GID is the diagnosis necessary for adult transsexuals that they might receive hormone treatment and sex reassignment surgery," Burke writes, claiming this "has unfairly pitted those who wish to prevent the involuntary gender treatment of children and youth against adult transsexuals who must have this diagnosis before they can receive treatment."

It is Burke herself, however, who unfairly pits children against adults by presenting transsexualism as occurring solely in adults; *Gender Shock* never acknowledges that TS children and youth exist.

Burke's claim that eliminating the diagnosis of GID will end the abuse of children is belied by those of us subjected to psychiatric abuse *prior* to medical recognition of GID. For example, my parents' reaction to my involvement in the University of Minnesota's sex-reassignment program in the 1970s was to hospitalize me for electroshock treatment with a diagnosis of "depression." Parents who wish to abuse their gender-variant child will use any diagnosis they want. The problem is abusive parents.

When considering the issue of child abuse, don't forget that one form abuse takes is neglect. It is just as abusive

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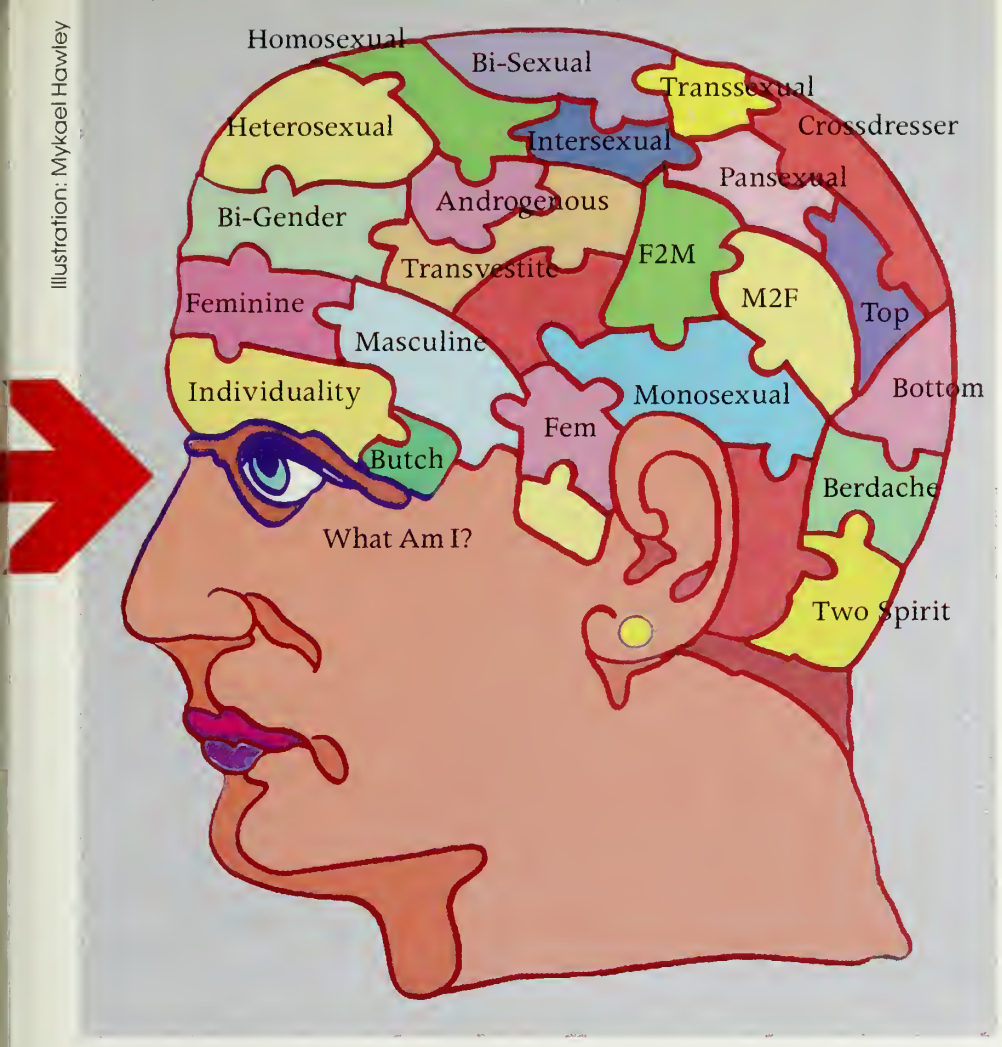

Illustration: Mykael Hawley

Gender Identity Disorder Diagnosis Harms Transsexuals

Riki Ann Wilchins

We live in times of great change for the gender community. A community which only a few years back seemed mostly to exist quietly on the fringes of society, in roadside conventions and small local clubs, is now walking across Capitol Hill, passing local anti-discrimination ordinances, picketing transphobic incidents, and holding public vigils outside hate crimes. But perhaps nowhere are the changes more striking than in attitudes towards Gender Identity Disorder (GID), the category which has long defined many of us. And perhaps no other issue has raised so many pressing questions.

The problem with GID Reform is that, unlike Hate Crimes or Employment Discrimination, it is not a black and white issue. It exists in shades of gray, and the fact is that people will be hurt on either path: Some if we reform it, and others if we don't. The question is: Which is the path towards a progressive social movement which will end gender- intolerance and bigotry and empower the community? I confess I am afraid of both paths, but on balance I fear keeping the diagnosis more than reforming it.

Because the fact is, we are no longer just a community at the roadside, but an emerging national movement. We now fight on a dozen different fronts every day. And it is inarguably the case that you cannot wage a progressive national struggle by bricking yourself deeper and deeper into the confines of a mental category. It shouldn't be that way, but it is. The gay rights struggle taught us that. If homosexuality were still considered a mental illness, everything from the opening of gay immigration, the possibility of gay marriage, liberalizing of child custody and adoption rights, and the impending passage of ENDA would be virtually unimaginable. Much of the civil rights progress of gays, lesbian and bisexual people dates from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's successful effort 26 years ago to remove Homosexuality from the *DSM* as a mental illness. The reality is that we are not mentally ill. And most of us bridle at the implication. I resent the idea that, just because I wanted to do "that" to my groin, I must ipso facto be mentally ill. Like many of us, I've passed just about every psychological test around, and except for having a severe attitude problem (something which will surprise no one) I passed them all.

As a group, and taking into account what we go through, we don't display mental illness much more or less frequently than the general population (which, if you live here in New York City, is cold comfort indeed).

A few transpeople have maintained that, "We must be mentally ill, because I was so depressed I was going to kill myself." Does this mean that if I get suicidally depressed because, with my body, I can never be a ballet dancer, that ballet is a mental illness? In fact, is it really sensible that anything someone is willing to kill themselves over is therefore a mental illness? And why not use the existing diagnosis, which is, of course, "Depression."

As for children, I won't debate GID's use in the Psychiatric Abuse of Gender-Variant Children (PAGC), because I believe it's beyond contention. No reasonable person can deny that GID is a cocked and loaded gun, and when it gets in the hands of gender-phobic psychiatrists it invariably goes off and shoots some genderqueer kid. The ridiculous argument that, "Guns don't shoot people, people shoot people," is just as senseless in this context as when we hear from the mouths of pro-gun-droids.

In actuality, there have only been two good reasons advanced for keeping GID. Unfortunately, both boil down to arguments based on expediency rather than truth: i.e., okay we're not really mentally ill, but it's a very useful diagnosis to have. I don't think expediency is the place we want to make a moral stand, but knowing the tremendous pressure, even desperation, some of us labor under, its hard not to sympathize.

Let's take employment first. As a "disability" in two states , GID certainly provides some protection for a small number against job discrimination. But surely the other 48 states are not going to decide we are all disabled tomorrow. It's not going to happen. And meanwhile, the rest of us have no protection, and continue to lose jobs in terrific numbers, in large part because we are still seen as deviant and disordered. And our having a "mental illness" only confirms this in the popular mind.

Becoming the newest disability won't protect us; acceptance and progress will. To gain the full social acceptance and participation we long for requires stepping

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Building a Male Body

Photographs and Text by Beryl Dean Kotula

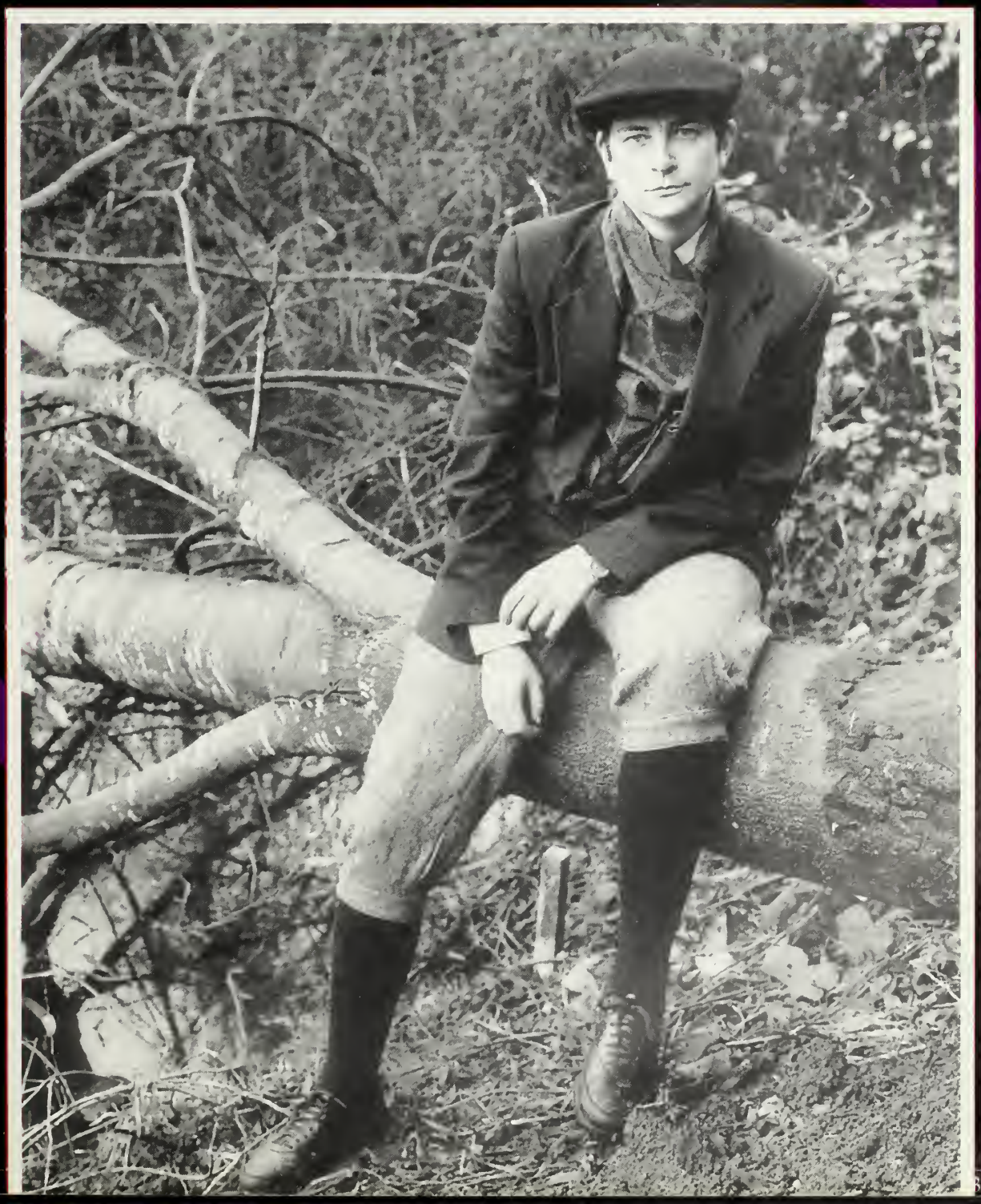
"Because I am an eternal boundary crosser, seeker of intangible degrees, I think I will always feel squeamish seeing my captured image on paper-for all that I am is fluid, changing, moving, reaching beyond the linear to connect with all life."

These look like portraits of ordinary men, but their appearance belies the enormous struggle they faced to become the people they are today. Born in female bodies but identifying as male from an early age, they have transformed their bodies to correspond, as closely as possible, to their internal images of themselves. The portraits in this series represent F2Ms in all phases of their transitions, from pre-hormones to post-surgery.

Women know the drama of having their first menstruation. Imagine that same period, or growing breasts, with the thought that you are a boy!

Imagine a nauseous feeling in your guts, each and every time your name is spoken or you are referred to with a female pronoun. This is part of the everyday experience of the F2M.

"It's not about social roles; it's not about gender-appropriate behavior or fashions. It's about how I feel in my body. It is extremely personal."



"In being a pre-operative transsexual I have to costume my body for everyday life. So from time to time I enjoy celebrating the Renaissance era by portraying a fictitious character and dressing the part to feel like costuming isn't so consuming of me."

This photographic project started when I accompanied a close friend to his post-surgical examination. Being F2M myself, I have since been allowed to photograph numerous surgical procedures. (Representative samples of each procedure will be documented on my book.) The surgical photographs are shocking, but you can distance yourself from them—they are about other people. It was difficult for me to maintain this distance. I witnessed the trauma of these major operations with the knowledge that my own body would also be subjected to this.

I was ambivalent about intruding into these very private experiences, but decided I could remain an 'outsider' and record events objectively. I was mistaken. I found myself wanting to compare their experiences with my own, to understand the

motivations that led to the final decision to undergo surgery. I was involved to the point of leaving the operating room periodically to reassure partners, parents, and friends pacing in the waiting room. We shared embraces, tears, laughter. I was incredibly moved by their show of support for their loved ones.

The knowledge and understanding that these surgeries are desperately wanted (and took extraordinary means to obtain, since insurance won't pay for them) helped to offset the invasive nature of the procedures. When I joined these men in their recovery rooms I could see the relief and exhilaration in their eyes, even through heavy sedation and the aftermath of physical trauma.

↑ "I tried to fit into the mold society made for me but couldn't. My body didn't match my mind. When I saw myself in the mirror or pictures, I would think, 'I just don't look right.' It took 17 years, 40 days in a psych ward, a lot of love and understanding from friends and family to become what my mind saw all these years. Now I can look at

→ Kory Martin-Damon, immigrant of Cuban-Venezuelan descent, remembers conflict as being central to his life. His family were dissidents in communist Cuba. In the United States, Kory hung out with socialists, queers, and others struggling to find a place in society. He says, "In this life every one of us is a soldier. Our quest for self-definition and self-identity is constantly challenged. Transsexuals have to fight for a space in this world because there are legions who oppose our existence."

Most of the criticism of transsexuals seems to surround the issue of medical intervention. It is very difficult for an outsider to comprehend. But to stand in the way of sex reassignment surgery would be the same as condemning a genetic male or female to a life without proper genitals.

The demand for these surgeries, despite their cost and invasiveness, testify to the psychological pain of going through life in the wrong body. These decisions are neither superficial or the result of a whim. What the public has yet to understand is that it is not the surgeries that make us men, but what compels us to have them.

(Beryl Dean Kotula is a transgendered photographer living in the Portland, Oregon area. These photographs are from a planned bookand are ©1997 by Beryl Dean Kotula.)

"This patient's breasts were small, so liposuction was all that was necessary to contour a male chest."

Research Projects

Being Conducted by Sheila Kirk, MD

The Adolescent Teenage Study

Young males ages 12-19 years who crossdress could be candidates for a longitudinal study examining their transgender feelings and behavior. It is necessary that either a parent, guardian or counselor or both give permission for inclusion in the study for without express allowance nothing can be exchanged with that young person. In this study, Dr. Kirk makes inquiry into the life and habits, the goals and experiences, of this young person trying not to influence, but being available to advise patients and the professional when asked for information.

Every Transgendered person was a teenager and every one of us had the "burden" of being a crossdresser as well. If you know of a teenager who is able to participate in this valuable research project, please contact Dr. Kirk for more details.

A Call for TG-Friendly Attorneys

There are many instances when transgendered individuals desperately need legal advice and assistance to help them past marital, workplace and financial hurdles. Dr. Kirk is making an effort to locate and identify attorneys who are empathetic and willing to represent members of our community. Any in our community who knows of such lawyers are urged to send name, address and phone number to Dr. Kirk. Those that have shown their value and expertise in legal matters are very important to us all.

Male-to-Female Postoperative Survey

Sheila Kirk, M.D., has originated a detailed survey for Male-to-Female Transsexuals who are postoperative six months or more. The information sought is most important in order that both the professional community and the transsexual community learn about areas of experience in the life of the postoperative person—areas that heretofore have not been studied appropriately or to any extent. Medical reports will be meaningful because of this research. All post-operative M-F individuals are urged to contact Dr. Kirk for information with a willingness to participate.

A Call for Health Care Professionals

To help improve the quality of transgendered care, Dr. Kirk maintains a nation-wide referral list of health care professionals (physicians—family practice, internists, endocrinologists; surgeons—in all specialties of surgical care; mental health providers—social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists) who demonstrate a high level of knowledge, expertise and commitment.

If you know of such a health care professional, please send their name and area of special care to Dr. Kirk. It is important that you get their permission for their referral.

Contact Dr. Kirk by mail, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to participate in this project or with specific questions regarding your medical concerns.

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Buten: The bookstore is also a major source of outreach in making hard-to-find TG material available to the community from one central location.

Cook-Riley: Vanessa Murray, the bookstore manager, came to the IFGE as someone who needed help. Discovering the TG community saved her life, turned it around, and brought her peace of mind and balance. Now she's a very strong champion of the community. I had a hand in some of her training, and it's funny to hear her on the telephone, using some if the same phrases when she counsels people that I used with her when she first came along. She helped create the walk-in bookstore because she, too, sees it as an opportunity for outreach and education.

IFGE'S Future

Nancy Cain

Buten: At first, IFGE limited it's educational outreach among helping professionals pretty much to those who came to speak at TG conventions. Then we found out that if you want to educate the professionals, you have to go to their conventions, you can't just count on their coming to ours. In conjunction with Tri-ESS, FTM International, and other groups, IFGE started attending key conferences, like the annual conventions of the America Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists and the National Association of Social Workers. Just that one little change made a big difference. Many therapists, physicians and social workers are more sympathetic, understanding and supportive of TG issues as a result. Crossdressing has been removed from the psychiatric manual and declared a harmless gender variant. This is one area that might repay intensifying our efforts.

Cross: We need to become a more efficient national clearinghouse of ideas and information.

Buten: I hope that all TG organizations could work a little bit better together. IFGE's main function originally, 10 years ago, was to bring together all the major groups and have them work together for a single cause. I would love to see more of the smaller groups join in with IFGE and be take part in a more unified overall community effort to make things better.

Cook-Riley: We administer the GenderPac fund which is being used for TG lobbying efforts. That's not an IFGE operation; we're just stewards of that fund. It's administered elsewhere. But GenderPac is another TG organization we've rendered assistance.

Buten: I hope we make strides on the political arena, too, as far as getting in with the politicians who are going to help change the way we're treated by the general public. I'd like to see IFGE get even more involved with the gay groups, because they have so much more political clout. I think if we can come along and join forces with them, we'll have a much better chance of getting things done. Otherwise, the TG community by itself doesn't really have the numbers you need to be taken seriously as a lobby.

This oral history of IFGE, compiled by Jean Marie Stine and transcribed by Frankie Hill, concludes with this installment.

Views & Reviews from the World of Media

TRANSMISSIONS

Her Life As A CD

Just like a Woman
(Evergreen Entertainment)
Reviewed by Heidi

This 1992 movie staring Adrien Pasdur has a crossdressing theme and is described as a "romantic comedy." It is set in London and loosely based on the biography, *Gerald/ine*. The basic plot involves a young married man whose wife divorces him when she discovers lingerie that isn't hers in their home. One wonders if she might have accepted his crossdressing if it had been frankly discussed, but that isn't pursued. Instead, Gerald moves into a small rooming house where he befriends the comely landlady, recently divorced after 22 years of marriage. Eventually, he comes to confide in her about his crossdressing. She slowly accepts this "eccentricity" and they have a heterosexual—if somewhat lesbian-like relationship. If education of the public increases and perhaps acceptance of us grows as a result of this movie, bravo!

There is one scene, however, where Gerald, out in drag as Geraldine, gets stopped by two bobbies. They discover he is a crossdressed male, rough him up, and haul him off to jail, thoroughly humiliating him. This disturbing account of how narrow-minded the majority of the public is should be a stern reminder that acceptance is still very limited. It is also upsetting that Gerald's divorce and separation from two small children is treated so lightly. This may not be intentional, but I am extremely dismayed that a loving father could just roll over and play dead when his pretty, but close-minded wife takes the children from him.

Nonetheless, this is an enjoyable, entertaining film, reasonably plausible and, therefore, much worth viewing.
(Heidi is a crossdresser, living in Colorado.)

Worth 1,000,000 Words

Body Alchemy: A Pictorial Journey Through the F2M Brotherhood
(Cleis Press)
Reviewed by Mariette Pathy Allen

"Body Alchemy," Loren Cameron's book of photographs and text, is a major contribution to the understanding of female-to-male transsexuality as well as a remarkable work or art.

The book itself is a pleasure to behold. All the photographs are black and white, well-printed, on quality stock. The cover, although paperback, is so handsomely designed, and the size of the format unusual enough (8-1/2" by 10") that there is no question that one is entering art's sacred ground. This is Cleis, the publishing company's first photography book. They are to be congratulated for their part in creating such a carefully conceived, well-designed book, and of course, for their courage in publishing it.

Alchemy symbols form the background pattern on the book's cover, and appear throughout portions of the text. I kept wondering if the symbols had specific meaning for the sites where they appear, or if they are there just to keep reminding us that we have entered a magic realm.

Loren Cameron's self-portrait on the book's cover, from his series "God's Will," presents his muscular and tattooed naked body in what looks at first to be a bodybuilder's pose. On closer inspection we see that instead of holding weights, one of

Loren's hands is injecting his hip with (we assume) testosterone, while the other is squeezing the shutter release bulb that allows him to take this picture. Hormones and photography: the magic elements that allow Loren to shape himself and his position in the world.

Although Loren Cameron's photography evolved from his early exposure to, and admiration of Walker Evans and Dorothea Lange, his pictures fit into a contemporary way of working that involves self-presentation. They illustrate character or situations that may be fictionalized or metaphorical. Whether shot at a specific site or in his studio against a seamless backdrop, these images are not found or caught; they

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are made, set-up, carefully conceived.

This highly self-aware way of working makes sense. Obviously, there is more to Cameron's gender shift than a change from female-to-male self-presentation: he also needs to explore what kind of man he wants to be and when, and what his relationship is to others. Each image represents a different step in these explorations. In the "Self-Portrait" series, "Testosterone" shows Cameron striking a chain link fence, while the text speaks of the violent impulses, sexual intensity, and agitation that is brought on by the hormone. "The Suit," an image of pride, is accompanied by the story of a helpful suit salesman whose fatherly advice Cameron appreciated. (I love this parallel to the traditionalM2F Crossdresser fantasies about being "dressed" by enthusiastic women!)

Body Alchemy is divided into a number of groups, or chapters, with titles. The "New Man" series involves portraits and very revealing personal tests by Cameron and four other men. "Fellas" includes portraits of six men, with a few sentences about each of them. I could not understood why these two series were divided, or why the personal commentaries were not continued. "Emergence," offers longer personal narratives, with Cameron's portraits sensitively juxtaposed to photographs from the collections of his subjects when they were "women." In Cameron's self-portrait before transition, the face and body are selectively shadowed: the obfuscation might be due to earlier technique, or, more likely, to discomfort in revealing his feminine breasts and face. Opposite this photograph, a topless Cameron with a very masculine chest, juggles a ball.

In this generously revealing book, the "Our Bodies" series is an added gift. Chest reconstruction, phalloplasty, metoidioplasty, and alternative genital reconstruction are shown close-up and explained clearly. The subjects' feelings about their bodies are included here, adding great insight. The photos and text are non-sensational and dignified, making all of this information an enormous help to new men as well as to helping professionals.

The final section of *Body Alchemy* explores the relationship of Loren and Kayt, a butch lesbian who also identifies as a female-to-male. I find the pairings of these photographs, alternating with text by each, a fascinating, eloquent and happy ending to the book. Our introduction to Loren and Kayt involves a pick-up truck and an airplane; images for "tomboys." Next we see them dealing with conflict and resolution, illustrated by sword play and arm-wrestling, then ministering to each other, taking turns, in the "nurturing" role. We leave Loren and Kayt in domestic pleasure; outside with (their?) horse, and in bed, watching television, eating popcorn.

I believe *Body Alchemy* succeeds in everything its author might hope for it to accomplish. It is a generous, revealing, beautiful book that is bound to save lives.

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TS In Living Color

True Selves:
Understanding Transsexualism
by Mildred L. Brown and Chloe Ann Romsley
(Jossey-Bass Publishers)
Reviewed by Penni Ashe

The preface sets the stage for the rest of the book, describing the events that led Dr. Brown, a psychologist practicing in the San Francisco area for over 18 years, to specialize in gender identity issues. Early in her career, attending a workshop on sexuality, she befriended one of the other workshop attendees, a gentleman who she later learned was transsexual. Since then, she has befriended TSs, counseled them, and helped them deal with their many issues. The authors attempt to paint a picture of the human side of transsexuality, for the benefit of those who know or work with TSs.

First, they set the stage by providing a brief, clinical discussion of transsexualism. Included in this discussion are a set of definitions which, very likely, will find at least some readers who will dispute them. The posture of the book is set when Dr. Brown notes that of all the components of "gender," the only one which is entirely subjective is gender identity. "The only way to know a person's gender," she says, "is if he or she tells you."

From here, the authors take us on a tour through a TS's life. Beginning in early childhood, the authors provide personal glimpses into the life experiences of TSs. The tour continues through adolescence, sharing with the reader the confusion and self-esteem problems experienced, as well as the drug addiction, self-mutilation and suicide issues.

Those who learn to survive with their transsexuality become adults. The authors share with us the ways in which TSs deal with the conflict, pretending more than being true to themselves. Then they turn to the role therapy plays, both in helping the TS cope with the conflict and with coming out to others and to transition. Not short-changed here are the issues involving transitioning on the job, as well as the difficulties in coming out to one's family—and the various ways in which loved ones often react to the news.

The authors conclude their portrayal of the human side of transsexuality by describing the surgical procedures involved, perhaps in more detail than many readers would prefer. The authors explain that, according to their definition of transsexuality, some opt not to have their genitals changed.

From here, the authors offer the reader some guidance in supporting the TS. Finally, the last chapter is a collection of moving poems written by some of Dr. Brown's friends and clients. In the back of the book, the authors provide an annotated resource guide as well as a bibliography for those who wish to read more. This book is recommended reading for anyone who desires an understanding of the human, personal aspects of transsexuality.

(Penni Ashe is a transsexual living in the Boston area.)

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sense of calm once they have begun taking hormones. Many of us also report feeling more assertive and being quicker to stick up for ourselves, but the important thing to remember is this: testosterone will help bring out your real self, but it will not turn you into someone you're not. If you are a nice person you will stay a nice person, and there is no need to worry about becoming the Incredible Hulk.

How effective is chest reduction, and how realistic are the results?

When performed by the right plastic surgeon, F2M chest reconstruction surgery yields very effective and convincing results. They are good enough to take your shirt off in public or hang out at the pool or beach without any self-consciousness.

How effective is genital reconstruction, and how realistic are the results?

First the good news! Many F2Ms, in fact probably the majority, lead happy fulfilling lives (including sex and love lives) without having any genital reconstruction at all. Now for the bad news: the reason so many F2Ms don't have genital reconstruction is that, compared to M2F genital surgery, ours is far from perfect and often very expensive to boot.

There are two basic options available to us, phalloplasty and metaoidioplasty. In phalloplasty, the neophallus is fashioned from skin taken from the forearm and butt, stomach, or thigh. The urethra is routed through it, sensation is enabled via nerve hook-ups to the clitoris, and erection is enabled via the use of removable stiffeners. This allows you to be hung like the proverbial horse, but it is very expensive (up to $100,000 and beyond), requires multiple surgeries, and is often prone to complications.

The metaoidioplasty involves releasing the testosterone-enlarged clitoris to form the neophallus (with the clitoral hood now serving as a foreskin), and implanting silicone balls in the labia to serve as testicles. This is a much simpler, less-expensive (around $10,000) surgery which makes use of the genitalia that you already have in order to allow full sensation, spontaneous erection, and even shallow penetration in some cases. The result, however, is small (usually around a couple of inches).

That explained, let me reiterate: While both of the above options have turned out to be the right choice for many guys (and only you can decide what's best for you), it is very possible to live a full, happy life as a man without any genital reconstruction, and you will not be any less of a man if you chose not to undergo it.

Do all F2M transsexuals identify as heterosexual men?

No. Many F2M transsexuals are attracted to men and identify as gay or bisexual men. Lou Sullivan, one of the most famous and influential F2M transsexuals, identified as a gay man.

Is it possible for an F2M who identifies as a gay or bisexual man to date non-transsexual gay and bisexual men?

Yes. Many gay and bi-F2Ms have had good luck in finding genetic gay men who were willing to date them.

Are there any books or magazines about the F2M phenomenon?"

Yes. A small sampling of F2M-oriented books from the IFGE bookstore catalogue and other sources includes:

Information for the Female to Male Crossdresser & Transsexual by Louis Sullivan - a virtual bible of useful information on everything from passing tips to surgical descriptions.

Sacred Country by Rose Tremain - a novel about an F2M growing up and then transitioning in 60s and 70s England.

From Female to Male: The Life of Jack B. Garland by Lou Sullivan - fascinating story about an early 20th century F2M who lived as a man in the days before hormones and surgery.

Masculinizing Hormone Therapy for the Transgendered by Sheila Kirk, M.D. - a very helpful and descriptive guide to testosterone and its effects.

One periodical which every F2M should keep up with is the quarterly newsletter of F2M International. To subscribe for a year send $15 dollars to: *FTM Newsletter*, 5337 College Ave. #142, Oakland CA 94618, e-mail: FTMNews@aol.com.

Are there any organizations or support groups for F2Ms?

Yes. FTM International. Write to the above address for information on support groups near you.

If you are online, there is an all-F2M internet mailing list that you can subscribe to by writing to: MtMinfo@aol.com

There is also the American Boyz, which performs outreach internationally via e-mail, and has numerous local chapters on the East Coast. Write to: American Boyz, PO Box 1118, Elkton MD 21922-1118, e-mail transman@netgsi.com.

How can a F2M individual find knowledgable, understanding psychotherapists and physicians?

The best way to find a good therapist or doctor is to inquire within the local gender community and ask a lot of specific questions: Who has had experience working with F2Ms? How understanding are they? Are they someone who you would feel comfortable working with? Do they seem genuinely interested in helped clients transition within a reasonable amount of time, or are they behaving obstructively so as to make as much money off them as possible? In the case of surgeons, always ask to see photos of their work first.

Also, write to FTM International at the above address and ask about the price and availability of their *Medical and Legal Resource Guide*.

Are there resources for spouses and significant others of F2Ms?

Yes. FTM International and American Boyz have information on local and national support groups as well as the International Foundation For Gender Education

("Andy" is a member of the Boston area's F2M support group, The Officer's Club.)

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survived to move on as adults and establish successful, stable lives. More than half maintain professional careers and quality personal relationships. The vast majority of TG individuals who experienced GIDRA, were able to transition successfully as long as they were careful to do three things:

Maintain a support network,

Focus on building communication and presentation skills,

Plan transition goals which accommodated their individual circumstances.

Of course, there are also TG men whose transitions are not so successful. The abuse they suffered as children affects their achieving stable, successful lives before, as well as after, transition. In most cases, this is because the person's coping mechanisms are impaired. (Coping mechanisms are the devices we use to respond to real-life situations.)

If you experienced GIDRA as a child, the following quiz may help you determine whether it is currently affecting your present life as a TG person, and if so, to what extent. Simply answer "yes" or "no" to each question.

Can you maintain a consistent emotional state in stressful social situations requiring an even-tempered, mature presentation, such as the workplace or when you are out in public?

Are you capable of separating the feelings stirred up by the GIDRA from your present-day TG behaviors?

Do you recognize any coping skills compromised or developed in response to childhood gender abuse?

On your own, are you capable of redefining to meet today's needs?

If your answer to each of the preceding questions isn't a whole-hearted "yes," then " GIDRA is still having some detrimental impact on the quality of your life. If you answered many with a "no,"pursuing something as complicated as full gender transition might not be appropriate until you have explored the GIDRA with a therapist.

Here's a second guide for assaying the effect of GIDRA. Do you:

Find memories of the GIDRA continually recur when you engage in TG thoughts and behavior?

Find yourself continually embroiled in social difficulties?

In communication difficulties?

In relationship difficulties?

If your answers here are "yes,"I strongly urge you to discuss these issues with a therapist or counselor familiar with both abuse and gender identity issues. Bringing TG behavior out of the closet or following through with long-term transition goals is difficult enough without having your coping skills compromised by GIDRA when they are needed most.

One of the concerns I often hear from transsexuals when I make this suggestion is that they are afraid to discuss their experiences with GIDRA or the problems it creates in their lives with their therapist. Most are worried that the therapist, who serves in a "gatekeeping"capacity, may see the effects of GIDRA as a reason to withhold or delay recommendation for hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery. As a consequence many TGs avoid mentioning that they suffered GIDRA or that they are presently experiencing difficulties or anything else that might suggest psychological instability. If you are such a person, I recommend engaging a second therapist for the purpose of focusing solely on your GIDRA. Furthermore, if your primary therapist declines to approve recommendations solely because you were abused as a child, I strongly suggest finding a new therapist.

Finally, does Gender Identity Developmental Repressive Abuse cause a person to become TG? I don't believe so. After all, GIDRA is carried out in order to suppress a child's natural question-asking and gender identity exploration. Well over half of those I surveyed, never experienced GIDRA as children, and still became TG. Of those who did experience GIDRA, even the half that suppressed their early TG feelings during childhood discovered these feelings returning soon after, if not before, they began establishing productive lives as adults.

When we look at the previous questions, it is important to recognize that people ask about what causes TG for a variety of reasons. Many TG people suffer from unconscious transphobia. They accept society's stereotypes and truly believe that their TG behavior is pathological, mentally disordered or medically diseased. As a result, they become caught up in looking for causes and cures rather than simply accepting the wide range of human diversity as healthy. Some even unknowingly prefer to believe that their TG identity was caused by GIDRA. That way they can assign blame for being TG elsewhere and reduce the guilt they suffer over their TG impulses.

When dealing with GIDRA, TG individuals must take responsibility for their own lives as adults. In doing so, they become their own present day parent. With self-parenting, ordinary TG people have the ability to heal inner wounds, to learn more functional coping mechanisms, and relegate unhealthy effects of gender abuse into the past.

Regrettably, in researching this article, I was unable to locate any books which specifically address Gender Identity Developmental Repressive Abuse. However I found the following books presented issues that may be cross-applicable as we try to understand GIDRA and its effects:

Rik Isensee, LCSW, *Growing Up Gay in a Dysfinctional Family.* (Alyson Press)

Lucia Capaccione, PhD, *Recovery of your Inner Child.* (Simon & Schster)

John Bradshaw, *Healing the Shame that Binds You.* (Health Communications,Inc.)

1997 Gianna E. Israel

(The above article was edited from a longer piece by Ms. Israel on the subject of childhood abuse in general. But we felt the subject of Gender Identity Development Repressive Abuse was so ground-breaking we felt it deserved presentation on its own.)

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appalled to learn of Neil's crossdressing, but eventually became so enthused, she now encourages him to "be more flamboyant."

Finally, the film's makers introduce us to Joe/JoAnn, a former NASA engineer. Joe/JoAnn quit NASA and went into a highly-successful TG-oriented business. As JoAnn Roberts, he/she became the proud owner of a mail order firm purveying educational videos, books and other materials on transgender issues to CDs.

All in all, *All Dressed Up And No Place To Go*, presents viewers with an honest, sympathetic, playful and always revealing look into the lives and hearts of the crossdressing community.

According to Sherman, it took roughly three years, to shoot, edit and splice together all the film they needed. But eventually, the interviews, gatherings and the filming of their subjects lives was completed.

Originally, HBO, the parent company of Cinemax, had expressed interest in the film. However, HBO ultimately declined part way through the process, stating that it didn't fit into their "programming needs." Sherman gently translated: "HBO feels they have a conservative audience that would not be interested in such a documentary."

However, several months later the same group of HBO representatives who nixed broadcasting the documentary reappeared on behalf of Cinemax and offered Sherman and Schwartz "finishing money" and a time slot on the cable network. According to Sherman, Cinemax's programming was better suited for the film. "Cinemax does tend to show more off-the-beaten-path subject matter," she said.

All Dressed Up and No Place To Go received positive feedback from such nationally-renowned publications as *USA Today*, the *New York Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Hollywood Reporter* and *TV Guide*. The film was also entered into competition at the international Documentary Festival held in Amsterdam in December, 1996, where it played to SRO audiences. Sherman is convinced this proves that people have a sincere interest in the subject matter, when it's presented with integrity, tasteful humor, style and warmth.

To date, there are no immediate plans to rebroadcast *All Dressed Up and No Place To Go.* So Cajun Films is releasing the documentary on home video. It will soon be made available through various catalogs.

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taking harassment, abuse and being relegated to being second class citizens. Within weeks of the Stonewall rebellion, the gay activist alliance formed, and after that, other political and social gay groups proliferated. We began to have organized unity where all the voices made a difference, particularly with the City Council of New York. Just two years later, the gay rights law was introduced. Prior to the Stonewall rebellion, if you had mentioned that there was going to be a gay rights law, it would have been laughable. As of the Stonewall rebellion, gay and transgendered people acquired minority status. Which is a big plus considering what things were like before.

TRANSGENDER: Did you or the Imperial Queens and Kings play any part in this?

QUEEN ALISON: Oh, absolutely. We have been instrumental in the Gay Pride Parade every year. We started the first parade. It was to the police station. The Pride Parade, which is copied throughout the world now, commemorates the Stonewall rebellion. That's why it's always the last Sunday of June. The Imperial Queens and Kings fought with the city council and public officials at that time, right through the '70s and the '80s, and really to this day. And the struggle is not over. We've made tremendous progress, but it's not over. One of the highlights of the '70s for the Imperial Queens was that we organized the coalition against Anita Bryant's homophobic gay-bashing campaign. And, as you know, that became a national issue. She was on the cover of *Time* and *Newsweek*, and we were mentioned in those articles as the group that started the protest.

TRANSGENDER: We understand that you remain as politically active as ever and that last month you spoke before the New York City Council.

QUEEN ALISON: I was invited to represent the TG community on the subject of the Domestic Partnership Law. This law states that any unmarried partners, whether they are gay, heterosexual, or transgendered, will have the same legal rights in regards to each other as a married couple. It pertains to survival rights, insurance, hospital visitation, and other matters. Without this law, if, say, one partner is in a hospital in critical condition, the other partner will be denied visitation rights because legally they are restricted to "immediate family only." I was the only TG person asked to testify. They picked me because they wanted someone who was knowledgeable, well-spoken, articulate, with some position and prestige in the community, and because I'm known to be a walking encyclopedia of modern gay history. It was an honor for them to ask me, and I returned the honor by accepting. Also, I wore a black sequined cocktail dress.

TRANSGENDER: Is it true that you appear as Queen Alison in a new feature length-film about the Stonewall rebellion?

QUEEN ALISON: The movie went into limited release last year. However, the film, which is titled *Stonewall*, by the way, is about to be released on video worldwide. There is a sequence before the opening credits, where they have actual Stonewall veterans talking about their memories of the rebellion. Again, I was the only TG veteran asked to appear in the sequence. *Stonewall* reflects gay and transgender life at that time. And it shows the events from the point of view, leading up to the rebellion, of several TG individuals. The star and co-stars of the movie are drag queens, and they give excellent performances. The movie culminates with the actual rebellion. It's very real, very accurate. The end will really shake people up when they see it. Believe me, it's very dramatic.

TRANSGENDER: Did you ever dream, years ago, that one day they would make a movie about the Stonewall rebellion, that the protagonists would be drag queens positively portrayed, and that you would be in it?

QUEEN ALISON: No. There had been so many raids at so many clubs over the years, that to us, it was just another raid. But I remember that even a few months later, we thought it would mostly be forgotten. You know, when you're in the middle of a fire, you don't realize all the ramifications that are taking place elsewhere in the burning structure. But the rebellion happened to be something that had positive, long-lasting results. Sort of like the civil rights marches of the 1960s.

TRANSGENDER: What are the Imperial Queens and Kings of New York, Long Island and Connecticut?

QUEEN ALISON: We are primarily a social organization, for drag queens, transvestites, transsexuals, drag kings, and their friends and admirers. Can't leave them out, because they're a very important part of our organization, and that includes the spouses of those who are married. Secondly, we are as you know, a politically aware and active organization. We get to enjoy the social freedoms we now have, as a result of being public, of being visible, and being out there. Over our whole history, and as recently as today, we call public officials, we educate them, we educate the public at large. I guess education is our third function.

We also reach out to TG people who are just coming into the transgender world. We get calls from them constantly. That leads to our fourth function, which is as a support group. Fifth is our fundraising efforts on behalf of worthwhile causes within the gay and TG communities.

TRANSGENDER: Tell us something about the members of the Imperial Queens and Kings who were with you at the photographic session.

QUEEN ALISON: There is myself, of course. I'm one of the co-founders of the organization, a member of the Board of Directors, and the elected President. Cindy Chan, our Treasurer, is married with four children. Queen Chrisy Lynne, in the lime dress, our General Secretary, is also married with a supportive spouse and a child. Kontessa Kit Holiday, our entertainment chairperson, is a professional entertainer and a member for the last twenty-seven years. Baroness Beth-Hellen is our activities chairperson. She's a gay man and very active in the community. Countess Clovoria, with the long maroon hair, is our newsletter editor. King Farrell Armstrong, Chief-of-security, is a body builder and my partner in life.

TRANSGENDER: There's one photograph that shows you surrounded by your Executive Committee. What is its function?

QUEEN ALISON: The Executive Committee make policy decisions and does general planning for the organization. It's a very harmonious group. We never have altercations or anything. The Imperial Queens and Kings is unlike some other organizations that are torn apart by internal battles and jealousy. We have never had that problem. It's unique.

TRANSGENDER: Some New York TG community members have described you as being "a crazy-ass control freak." How would you respond?

QUEEN ALISON: (chuckles) How can I put this nicely? That was never the case, and the proof of it is, that the Imperial Queens and Kings is run *extremely* democratically, with annual elections. It strongly invites the participation of everyone. I'm an excellent Executive Director, and that is a quality and a skill which should be *complimented* not derided. I believe that if a male leader had the qualities I had, they would be praised as strong-willed and dynamic. But some in the TG community are jealous, and will try to deride anyone with qualities of strength.

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stereotypical feminine roles, like nurturer, housekeeper, and child-rearing. Some expect men to remain in the stereotypical male role of strength, chief breadwinner, and dominant decisive male, fulfilling all the stereotypical male models, while at the same time women's stereotypical roles and behaviors have been blown asunder. True equality is allowing each person to assume a role in the family that is appropriate to that person. Each person sharing according to their ability the responsibilities of financial support, care of the home, child-rearing, or whatever.

5. The Right to Wives' Support Groups
Agree.

6. The Right to a Male Body
Partially agree. For a husband to undergo sex reassignment surgery, breast enhancement or hormone therapy without notifying the spouse is wrong, and to expect a purely heterosexual woman to remain in a relationship with that person is highly unrealistic. A wife has a right to know before these steps are taken so she can contact a divorce lawyer. Short of those steps, I believe a man has certain rights to his body that are inalienable. A person who has no desire to have a beard has the right to remove their hair growth in any manner, whether temporary or permanent. The expense for this should come out of the person's discretionary fund, whether or not this leaves little or no money for any other spending from that fund. A person whether male or female, surely has a right to have or not have pierced ears, shaved legs, shaved underarms, or whatever, without expecting to face ridicule. The present custom of women shaving legs and underarms is less than one hundred years-old, and many feminists have argued that no one should ridicule a woman who chooses not to shave these areas. Conversely, men should have the same right to shave their bodies without being open to ridicule.

7. The Right to Approve Husband's Group
Disagree. A wife has no more right to choose her husband's support group than he has to choose or interfere with her therapy or support groups.

8. The Right Not to Be Mocked
Agree. But, a husband has a right not to be mocked, denigrated, demeaned or insulted for displaying femininity. This right also extends to a husband's friends and members of his support. Words such as "sissy," "fag," and "pervert" must be banned.

9. The Right to Stay Home
Agree.

10. The Right to Personal Possessions
Agree.

11. The Right to Personal Time
Agree.

12. The Right to Community Support
Disagree. A wife has the right to ask that these rights be brought up for discussion and be subject to alteration or amendment and be voted for or against by the group. A spouse has no right to dictate unilaterally to any support group.

(J. Freed is a crossdresser and lives in Wisconsin.)

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out from behind the diagnosis and declaring loudly that we are as healthy and normal as anyone else. It is a level playing field and a measure of respect we want, not pity, and certainly not special protection as a disability. In fact, is gratifying to note that over a dozen states and localities, from Minnesota to Iowa City to San Francisco, have extended employment protection for us, not as a disabled class but as a basic civil right.

The second main argument is that GID provides a mechanism for insurance reimbursement. Of course this is true. But GID Reform doesn't necessarily mean GID Removal. "Reform" means trying to replace it with a non-stigmatizing physical condition, like pregnancy, which is routinely reimbursed without having to be either a disease or a mental disorder.

Even if we fail and it's removed instead of reformed, the plain fact is that reimbursement is going to fade away, sooner or later. Insurance companies aren't dumb; they read the political tea leaves daily, and they aren't going to pay a dime they aren't required to. Today, carriers and cost-conscious HMOs are increasingly writing policies with specific exclusions for transcare reimbursement.

So no insurance company president is going to sit down over her power breakfast with the board tomorrow and suddenly say, "Gee, you know we haven't been reimbursing that sex-change thing. We oughta appoint a committee to look into that." The high-water mark on reimbursement was struck long ago, and the tide is now rushing out. We may as well float out on it, and get something of benefit.

Certainly there will always be some companies who still reimburse because of GID, but how many, and for how long, and finally, at what cost to the community? What price will we pay in the meantime in the hidden costs of lost jobs, lost child custody, hate crimes and violence, and general discrimination? When do we reach the point of diminishing returns, where so few of us are being reimbursed that it's not worth keeping. And how many of us would have kept our jobs in the first place, and thus been able to save for our surgery, had we not been fired because of the stigma of disease and disorder?

Either way we choose, there are costs and benefits. Because these are not black and white issues, maybe it's best if I simplify and close with a statement from the heart. For years I've been told that people like me "transgress the gender system." Well, let me tell you, it is inarguably and undeniably the case that it is the gender system which transgresses all over me.

So I intend to wage a struggle for my life. I intend to fight for my political freedom. I will not be told that I am mentally ill. I will not be told that I am disabled. And I will not live within the confines of a mental diagnosis which is a lie. I am neither disordered nor am I disabled, but I am madder than hell and willing to fight for a level playing field. I was not born to the wrong body, but into the wrong culture. But even so, I will not allow it to tell me, or those I love, that we are somehow bizarre, freakish or embarrassing simply because we need, want, or deeply desire to change our bodies, lives, and identities in ways of which it disapproves.

We stand on the brink of a national movement which is finally finding its own voice. This is our time to hold up the banner which proclaims that all human choices deserve the simple respect, dignity, and acceptance that God surely meant them to have, and most especially those which spring from our very depths. All our suffering and all our struggles must at least have taught us that, for it is the special gift we have to offer this world, and it lies at the very heart of what a gender movement is about.

(Riki Anne Wilchins is co-chair of the National Coalition for GID Reform.)

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to ignore a TS child's need to have a body in which s/he can find happiness as it is to protect him/her from abuse at the hands of transphobic parents. Eliminating the diagnosis of GID will prevent supportive parents from assisting their child's transition and acquisition of hormone therapy, and will eliminate the equal protection under law in states such as Oregon and Washington which prohibit discrimination against individuals with physical or mental conditions.

Like any tool, GID can be used for good or for evil, a fact not acknowledged by its opponents any more than they acknowledge that transyouth benefit from *appropriate* diagnosis and treatment of GID. But then, critics of GID such as the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy don't acknowledge past misguided efforts.

The NCLR and ICTLEP dissembled in their November 1996 press release that TS opposition to their past efforts was based on a "misperception." "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" read a resolution introduced at NOW's 1995 national convention, "that NOW supports the removal of 'GID' as a *DSM* classification and will take the following actions: Join in coalition with the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP) and other groups in this effort." Only frantic, last-minute lobbying by TSs persuaded the NOW National Board to table this resolution entitled "Depathologizing 'Gender Identity Disorder.'"

Critics of GID are misguided, or dishonest, when they speak of "depathologizing" transsexualism even as they claim to support our access to healthcare. Provision of healthcare is dependent upon a need for treatment, and where there is no pathology, there is no need. In the December 10, 1995 *Advocate*, Riki Anne Wilchins professed her preference that transsexuality be treated as a "neutral condition" like pregnancy—ignoring the fact that sex-reassignment entails the destruction of otherwise apparently healthy organs.

In a recent poll of sex-reassignment surgeons conducted by Ken Morris, five out of six doctors stated they would cease performing SRS absent a diagnosis. Had the NCLR and ICTLEP "depathologized" GID in 1995, you wouldn't have Drs. Biber, Menard, Laub and others to turn to for surgery now.

The empty assurance of the continued availability of surgery isn't the only fib that's been told. Opponents of GID claim hundreds of G/L/B/T youth are hospitalized each year under a diagnosis of GID to change sexual orientation or gender identity. Not only is that number wildly inflated, but, as was the case with me, the children are actually hospitalized for a diagnosis other than GID.

A perfect example of the tendency for GID opponents to misstate the facts is Dr. Katherine O'Hanlan's September 19, 1995 *Advocate* column denouncing the diagnosis in an article entitled "'Fixing' tomboys and sissies." The *DSM-IV* specifically states that "This disorder is not meant to describe a child's nonconformity to stereotypic sex-role behavior as, for example, in 'tomboyishness' in girls or 'sissyish' behavior in boys." But why let little things like facts get in the way when you're embarked on a crusade?

Like Raymond and Burke, the NCLR and ICTLEP create the impression of conflict where none exists. Their November 1996 press release stated, "For a number of reasons, we do not believe that the disability rights model is either the only or the most effective way," to obtain civil rights—implying that those of us who utilize such means insist upon an "either/or" situation. Yet the same month I launched the drive to win state-wide protection for Oregon TSs on the basis of disability, I launched a campaign to win protection for TSs in Portland on the basis of sexual orientation. The day before Oregon recognized transsexualism as a disability, the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission voted unanimously to amend Portland's human rights ordinance to include TSs. So much for the notion that activists utilizing the diagnosis of GID to obtain civil rights are wedded to a single strategy.

Opponents of GID play upon society's prejudicial attitude towards the mentally ill, arguing that diagnosis with a mental disorder is stigmatizing and that eliminating our psychiatric diagnosis will "destigmatize" transsexualism. Make no mistake—the stigmatization this able-ist society inflicts upon the mentally ill and physically challenged is imposed upon recipients of a diagnosis of GID. Rather than condemning such stigmatization, however, GID opponents reinforce it by attacking the diagnosis rather than the prejudice itself.

The second-class citizenship this society imposes upon the disabled may be a shock for those accustomed to white, able-bodied male privilege, but it is *prejudice* which dehumanizes the disabled, not disability per se. As a flaming queen of a child I was stabbed in school twice, shot at, and set on fire while riding the school bus, long before GID was recognized. Eliminating the diagnosis will not end violence perpetrated against trans-youth, it will merely restore to privileged adults their previously unblemished status.

At the heart of the anti-GID campaign is privilege, class privilege. The most vociferous opponents of GID are typically the doctors, lawyers, and other highly paid professionals who comprise the ranks of our TG "leaders" out of all proportion to the population at large. Not surprisingly, lip service is all that is paid by these people to the need for insurance coverage or public-funding of SRS, but then, professionals who can afford to pay for their sex-reassignment out-of-pocket have no need of insurance coverage, or of welfare.

Certainly not everyone who changes sex was unable to function as their born sex; consequently, not everyone who undergoes sex-reassignment surgery can be considered disabled. Individuals with a demonstrated personal history of successfully functioning as their born sex rightfully object to being perceived as disabled because changing sex was, for them, a choice. However, to insist that because some TSs are not disabled that none are is to impose the tyranny of the able-bodied upon all of us.

If opposition to GID by some TSs stems from their desire to retrieve lost status, opposition to our medical diagnosis by nontranssexuals such as Raymond or Burke is based on the belief that TSs and our needs are considered expendable. A plot exists to exterminate genetic women? Morally mandate transsexualism out of existence, Raymond suggests. Abusive parents subject their queer children to medical malpractice through the misapplication and mistreatment of GID? Abolish the diagnosis, is the knee-jerk response. But what about the parents who deny their child's reality?

While bathing her 2-year-old son, Burke relates in *Gender Shock*, "...he looked up at me with a defiant expression and announced he was going to have a vagina when he grew up. I was shocked and horrified." Burke then relates how she insisted to her son that he was, and would remain, a boy.

My parents were similarly "shocked and horrified" to learn that their boy would be a girl. They chose to rid themselves of their child. Burke has chosen to rid us of the means by which we can transition while young and access hormones as adolescents. "It is my goal to see the removal of the diagnosis of Gender Identity Disorder in children from the world's psychiatric manuals," she writes in *Gender Shock*.

Abuse takes many forms, and neglect is but one. So is denying a child's reality.

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the bars and impersonation shows. Once those were the only places we were accepted. But smoke in bars makes my mascara run, and impersonation shows seem exploitive. I feel free to prefer my favorite activities: shopping, dining out, and attending the theater. I do not "pass" and do not want to delude myself into thinking I do. While I strive to create an appropriate feminine image, I would rather people relate to me as who I am. For I am a crossdresser, not a counterfeit woman.

I feel neither guilt nor shame about my feminine side. Rather, I consider my femininity to be a gift from God. Although I am a crossdresser, I see no reason why I cannot be an active Christian. Should I embrace an alternative spirituality in which I do not believe, just because some Christians do not understand crossdressing? It is my job to educate them, not only by my words, but in how I live my life. I feel an obligation to do my best to educate all of society. I do not feel I can afford to bypass whole classes of people. Jane's presence in my life has softened her rough masculine edges. Through her I have learned how to listen, how to empathize, and how to be gracious in victory and in defeat. On her wings I have escaped from the macho prison. Freedom is beautiful!

This does not mean I have annihilated my masculinity to develop my femininity. Cancellation is not growth. Both sides need nurturing. As Jane has developed, so has John. To explore for new interests, both masculine and feminine, is exciting. The man my wife married will always be there for her. Our sons can count on a father who serves as a masculine role model. At the same time, our sons know about Jane. If crossdressing is not wrong, why hide it? Honesty and communication are the cornerstones of our family life.

Masculine/feminine balance is very important to me. Balance is like a seesaw. Life circumstances exert influences, sometimes toward the masculine, and other times, toward the feminine. While I like to express myself according to mood and circumstances, I do not let either gender dominate my life. Because society has not completely accepted crossdressing, there are times when I must postpone the gratification of dressing en femme. Since professional and community considerations are important to my family, I do not take inappropriate risks. Still, I long for the time when freedom of gender expression will prevail. That is why I support the efforts of those involved in the struggle for our human rights.

Crossgender expression is entirely compatible with family values. It has led to insights that have made me a more sensitive husband and father, and a better overall person. Thanks to that special extra dimension, I feel I am one lucky guy and gal!

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Transsexual. Transvestite.Transgender. Transgenderist. T*. Male-to-female. Female-to-male. Fetishistic cross-dresser. Political transgenderist. Pre-op, post-op, non-op. Winkte, kwe'rhame, nadle. Two-spirit, true spirit. New man, new woman, something vaguely in between.

It's wonderful that our community has so many new (and new-old) terms to define itself. What isn't so wonderful, however, is the divisions these words are often used to create. I sometimes see the TG community as the kind of life that flourishes in the desert - bravely struggling to survive with far too little of the nourishment of care and positive attention. That we're here at all, that we've survived this far, is a miracle in and of itself, but every spell of heavy weather erodes our tenuous connections and creates deep ditches between us.

Thinking on the definition of transgendered family values, I first asked the only TG family that I know, my own. My wife reminded me of the many times we've had to leap in when some other transfriend was in trouble. My eleven-year-old daughter removed her gaze from the television long enough to inform me that "people should be nice to each other." Indeed, both points are worth considering. Is our community really a family? Far too often, unfortunately, no. Should it be? Absolutely. Many of us lose our blood kin, our friends, our early connections; far too many find ourselves alone in the world. If the TG community truly thought of itself as a tribe, a real extended family, then no one would have to find themselves completely isolated. One local mental health professional has informed me that sixty per cent of the post-transition transsexuals in the state I live in are on some form of public assistance. Countless others are homeless, abused by lovers they are too desperate to leave, struggling with depression, alcoholism, drug abuse. There's nothing like being non-traditionally-gendered in this culture to show you what it's like to be really alone.

Of course, it doesn't have to be this way. In India, among a small class of male-to-female TG people referred to as *hijras*, family bonds are recreated among the small subculture. Single hijras often live together communally, in groups; as they age, they are given familial titles such as "Mother, Aunt, Grandmother. All who earn money contribute something to the household. This may not be the way most Westerners want to live, but the point is that no *hijra* is homeless or starving except by choice. There is always strength in numbers. Far from the myth that more than one TG person on the street draws more attention and is unsafe, a whole lot of us walking together may attract a lot of attention, but we'd all be extremely safe. Living in fear of being noticed - and attacked - is worse than being noticed in a group that stands up for each other.

So, what values must we cultivate in order to turn this not-quite-a-community into a family? According to Mark Twain, family is the place where they have to take you in. Certainly we need to cultivate a lot more tolerance, to learn to see beyond the differences. the amount of sniping and backbiting that goes on among some cliques within the community is just beyond belief, and must be disposed of. We have to stop feeling threatened by each other. This doesn't mean that all obnoxious or violent behavior must be tolerated, but it does mean that we should try not to judge another person's view of what it is to be TG in this society, or assume so quickly and automatically that it has no relevance to us. If someone's views are fluff-and-nonsense, the school of hard knocks will teach them that soon enough, and we should be there to catch them when they fall.

We must also defend each other in public with pride and ferocity, and that includes the less popular members of our community. It's all right to disagree with someone, even in public, but no member of this community should be disowned because other members don't like their views or their way of expressing them. Doing so makes us no better than many of our blood families, and we must not repeat their mistake. When one of us is murdered, beaten, abused, we push for justice and make the struggle public. When one of us commits suicide, we hold a wake and mourn to show the next TG sitting in their bathroom with a razor blade that someone, at least, gives a damn.

Of course, this is the real curse of the closeted life. Whatever its other pros and cons, its one real drawback is this: You make yourself unable to render aid and care to your brothers and sisters when they need it. If we can't rely on each other, there's no hope for us, and all too often, our closeted brothers and sisters turn away those of us in need out of fear - of being associated with us in a place where someone might see, might wonder, might look at them a little closer.

Over the years, I've formed many friendships with other TG people that I considered family. Some are still in my life, others have wandered off to form their own families, but I've never regretted it. I've put them up on my couch when they were between homes, helped them sort through public assistance bureaucracies, given them clothing, and talked them through frantic depressed phone calls. In return, they've given me rides, fixed my plumbing and my car, watched my kid, and innumerable other things. When I need something done in my life, I first ask around the community to see if I can hire one of my own, to keep it in the family. We need all the help we can give each other, and we've enriched each others' lives immeasurably. This is my family, for better or for worse. It can be your family too, but you have to value it enough to put in the effort.

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restricting or eliminating that parent's custodial rights. The best interest of the child would dictate doing so only when some significant countervailing circumstance is present, for example, neglect, abuse, endangerment, or criminal behavior in the child's presence. You must determine whether, in your jurisdiction, any applicable precedent exists which holds that being transgendered qualifies as such a countervailing circumstance. If not, you should make it clear that your adversaries lack supporting precedent for such arguments if they make them. If such precedent exists, you should make every effort to distinguish the factual circumstances of your case.

The Effect of Negative Precedent Dealing with Gays and Lesbians

Compounding the problem is the body of judicial decisions involving homosexuality. See, e.g., Bowers v. Hardwick, 478 U.S. 186 (1986) (upholding the constitutionality of Georgia's criminal sodomy provision). Closer to home, wide publicity followed Sharon Bottoms' loss of custody of her child last year. The Virginia Supreme Court held (in a triumph of circular reasoning) that allowing Sharon and her female partner to retain custody would expose her child to ridicule and prejudice, and thus would not be in the child's best interest, blithely ignoring the fact that it fosters prejudice to deprive Sharon of her opportunity to demonstrate she can raise a child as well as anyone else.

If this can happen to Sharon Bottoms, it can happen to you, regardless of your sexual orientation. Beware of the misapplication of precedent stigmatizing, or upholding the criminalization of, homosexuality. The risk of getting tarred with this brush is especially acute if your manner of expression (crossdressing) is unlawful in the jurisdiction, or if there is a record of negative consequences of such expression (e.g., the transgendered parent worked at some point as a sex-worker, was convicted on a solicitation charge, and/or has contracted HIV).

Contest the Factual Predicate

When confronted with transgender stereotyping or negative precedent, you owe it to yourself to contest the underlying factual assumptions. Force your spouse (or whoever is asserting the adverse argument) to "prove" that your transgendered identity, characteristics and/or expression are detrimental to your child's interest. Don't allow the court simply to presume a detrimental effect. Rebut the presumption, and contest the inference. Hire a qualified expert to testify that you pose no threat whatsoever, and that depriving the child of your presence would be traumatic. Refuse to allow yourself to be shamed by your spouse or ignorant strangers.

Continuing Jurisdiction

If the outcome is adverse, remember that in many states the courts retain continuing jurisdiction over custody decrees. If circumstances change materially (e.g., three years have passed since the initial decree, and the child is now older, and more likely to understand), go back to court and seek modification of the decree and reinstatement of any privileges you lost.

As always, please note that this article is legal chat, not legal advice. Because the applicable laws differ by state, I can do little more than highlight a few problems that might arise. It would be foolish of you to rely on such a general discussion without considering the specific circumstances involved in your situation and the manner in which the law of your state applies to them.

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Last Words:

The TG Community

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"Community, the becoming of one people, could solve all the major social problems of our time. It could heal our very souls."

For some time last year I had the nagging fear that we, the transgendered people of North American, were not, and could not ever be a true "community." There were divisions between organizations with legal and political agendas, competing for their "turf." There were hot arguments going on regarding the best approach to deal with the professional medical people. There were individuals burning up the internet with their flame mail, each one sincerely believing that they had the right answers to how an organization should operate or what the best approach for political action should be. Organizations, including IFGE, were dragged through the muck of dirty battles of issues on exclusion and inclusion and politically incorrect journalism.

Virginia Prince, who knew that I have been a champion of and working to establish TG community, declared to me that there was no TG "community." The best we could hope for was to have coalitions among and between the many organizations. At that point I was beginning to believe she was correct. And there were others who were quick to remind me how far from community we were. Then, when I went to Southern Comfort in October, 1996, I had the pleasure of hearing three new voices speak at a lunch: Erin Swenson, Melissa Richards and Maxwell Anderson. Each speaker, somewhere in their talk, and in two cases, throughout their talk, pointed out how important the community had been to them as they had come out and taken on new lives and responsibilities. Wow!

Like a blinding flash of the obvious, I realized that I, we, have been looking in all the wrong places. Community is not something that has to happen at the "top"; it's what happens between people; person to person. One TG to another. A TS helping a new crossdressser feel welcome at a meeting; a senior citizen CD counseling a newly out, full time TG, in finding a job. A "neighborhood" Fourth of July picnic with everyone there feeling free to be who they feel like that day. A group of all sorts working the booth at a Gay Pride celebration, or a team of "one of each" speaking at a local college. There is a real TG community and it's happening at the grass roots level.I have spent hours studying "Community" and have written and spoken a great deal on it in some perhaps misguided thought that I could influence more of our friends to help bring it about. I tried developing my own definition and theories on the subject. But nothing explains it or defines it better than the following quote from one of my favorite writers, Starhawk, that I have used often but had forgotten about:

We are all longing to go home to some place we have never been, half-remembered, and half-envisioned we can only catch glimpses of from time to time. Community. Somewhere, there are people to whom we can speak with passion without having the words catch in our throats. Somewhere a circle of hands will open to receive us, eyes will light up as we enter, voices will celebrate with us whenever we come into our own power. Community means strength that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done. Arms to hold us when we falter. A circle of healing. A circle of friends. Some place we can be free.

If you close your eyes and put yourself into the vision that these words create, you can instantly feel the warmth, the joy, the love that such "community" brings. How can we achieve this? Well, I now know, we cannot bring it about by some top down directive or organizational policy. This has to be done by each of us working, playing, and being together, accepting our differences and respecting that we are all different and may even have different agendas, but recognizing we are all human beings and deserve to be treated as such.

If we really want "community," it has to start with me, you and you, and by each of us working at it one on one, one by one. If there is any compelling reason for community to exist, it is to provide a place for each of us to feel wanted, safe, welcome and free. And if there is any compelling reason for people to come out and be part of all this, it is to help continue to create and support this wonderful environment whenever and whereever we can until we all, transgendered people everywhere, have a place we can call home.

Yes, Virginia, there is a TG community. You just need to look for it in the right places.

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